

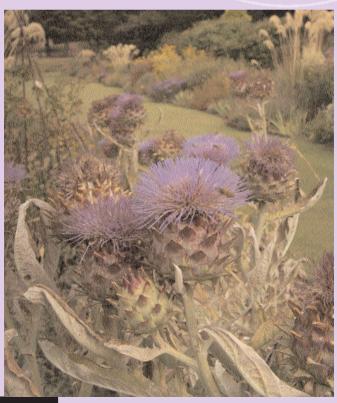
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More than 300 splendid properties – from prehistoric dwellings and stone circles, castles and palaces, to abbeys and cathedrals – are cared for by Historic Scotland. Our role is to conserve this precious national resource, maintain

its natural environment, and present it for the enjoyment of visitors, offering a fascinating insight into the history and traditions underlying our country's culture.



This leaflet provides an introduction to some of Historic

Scotland's most important and popular historic attractions. These range from major visitor attractions like the magnificent Edinburgh Castle, and the spiritual pilgrimage centre of Iona Abbey, to the idyllic ruins of Inchmahome Priory and the fascinating Skara Brae prehistoric village. All of these wonderful locations promise a great day out with lots to see and do.

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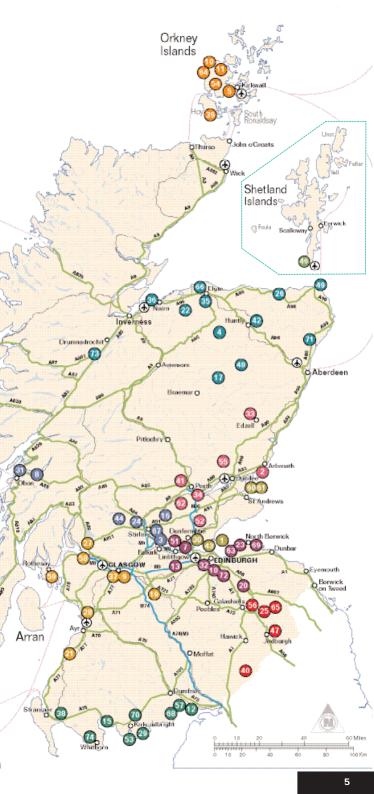


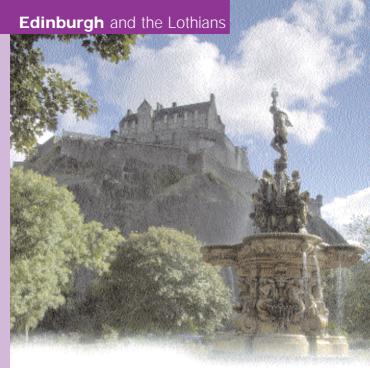






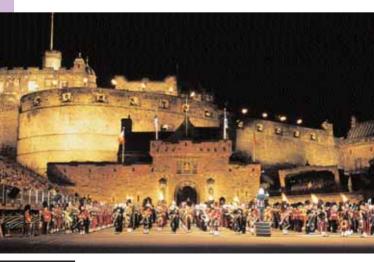
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Edinburgh Castle

A majestic landmark which dominates the capital city's skyline just as it has dominated Scotland's long and colourful history, Edinburgh Castle is the best known and most visited of our historic buildings. Perched on an extinct volcano and offering stunning views, this instantly recognisable fortress is a powerful national symbol, and part of Edinburgh's World Heritage site.



A rich mix of architectural styles reflects the castle's complex history and role as both stronghold and seat of kings. The tiny St Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh's oldest building, dates from the 1100s; Crown Square, the principal courtyard, was developed in the 15th century; the Great Hall with its impressive hammerbeam roof was built by James IV, the Half Moon Battery was created in the late 16th century; and the Scottish National War Memorial was added after the First World War.

The Prisons of War display within the castle vaults opened last year. Edinburgh Castle was a prison for sailors from many countries in the 18th and 19th centuries, including crewmen who sailed with John Paul Jones, founder of the American Navy. Their graffiti, hand-made ships and other items are on display at the end of a captivating tour that recreates the sights and sounds of these prison vaults.

Other attractions include: The 'Honours of the Kingdom' exhibition telling the story of Scotland's Crown Jewels – saved from Cromwell to become some of the oldest surviving regalia in Europe; the Stone of Destiny – taken to Westminster Abbey in 1296 and returned to Scotland 700 years



later; the One O'Clock Gun and a display on the history of time guns and timekeeping; and the giant medieval siege cannon Mons Meg, once again standing proudly on the castle ramparts; the magnificent Laich Hall and the National War Museum of Scotland.

Castle stewards provide guided tours and you can also hire an audio guide in six languages. New children's trail available. As well as gift and book shops, including the new Prisons of War shop, the Crown Jewel shop offers exclusive, specially designed jewellery and other unique products for sale. Visitors can take a break in the castle cafés. A courtesy vehicle for visitors with a disability (sponsored by the Bank of Scotland) is available from the esplanade.

• In Edinburgh • Tel 0131 225 9846

- Open all year seven days a week. 25 March–30 September 9.30am to 6.00pm. 1 October–24 March 9.30am to 5.00pm. Last ticket sold 45 minutes before closing. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Please note that opening times for independent museums may vary. Please check opening times prior to visit
- Admission: Adult £9.80 Child £3.50 Concessions £7.50
- Car and coach parking, max 2 hours. Cars £3.00, coaches £6.00
 Car parking not available June-October due to Edinburgh Military Tattoo



Craigmillar Castle

A well preserved medieval castle, Craigmillar has a tower house, courtyard and gardens. Craigmillar's story is linked with that of Mary Queen of Scots. Superb views from tower house.

2.5m SE of Edinburgh off the A7 • Tel: 0131 661 4445

- Take any bus for the new Royal Infirmary and then follow footpath
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25













Trinity House Maritime Museum

An outstanding collection of maritime memorabilia inside an elegant Georgian house.

- 99 Kirkgate, Leith, Edinburgh Tel: 0131 554 3289
- · Visits must be pre-booked
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child 1.20 Concessions £2.25



Crichton Castle

Built as the lordly residence of the Crichtons and later home to the Earls of Bothwell. Stunning 16th century courtyard façade.

- 2.5m SSW of Pathhead off the A68 Tel: 01875 320017
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90





Craigmillar Castle





Linlithgow Palace

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The magnificent ruins of Linlithgow Palace are set in a park beside a loch. All of the Stewart kings lived here, and numerous renovations to the palace's grand facades and chambers were carried out as each sought to create the ideal modern palace. The birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots. The loch is a site of Special Scientific Interest due to the extensive wildfowl population.

- In Linlithgow off the M9 Tel: 01506 842896
- · Open all year
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00



Blackness Castle

Built in the 15th century by one of Scotland's most powerful families, the Crichtons, Blackness was never destined as a peaceful lordly residence; its enduring roles were those of garrison fortress and state prison.

- 4m NE of Linlithgow on the Firth of Forth, off the A904
- Tel: 01506 834807
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25



Cairnpapple Hill

Cairnpapple was used from about 3,000 to 1,400 BC – firstly as a ceremonial site then several centuries later as a burial site.

- 3m N of Bathgate, 1m from Torphichen Tel: 01506 634622
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Seton Collegiate Church

An attractive ecclesiastical building, in a wooded setting, Seton Collegiate Church has a 15th century chancel and apse.

- 1m SE of Cockenzie off the A198 Tel: 01875 813334
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 80p Concessions £1.50





Dirleton Castle and Gardens

Dirleton Castle has boasted a garden probably since its earliest days as a medieval fortified residence. Today there is a colourful blend of traditional formal gardens and more contemporary plantings, including - as the Guinness Book of Records testifies - the world's longest herbaceous border.



- In Dirleton village 3m W of North Berwick on the A198
- Tel: 01620 850330
- · Open all year
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50









Tantallon Castle

A formidable stronghold set atop cliffs on the Firth of Forth, Tantallon Castle was the seat of the Douglas Earls of Angus. Tantallon served as a noble fortification for more than three centuries and endured frequent sieges. Location for the children's TV series 'Shoebox Zoo'.

- 3m E of North Berwick off the A198 Tel: 01620 892727
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50





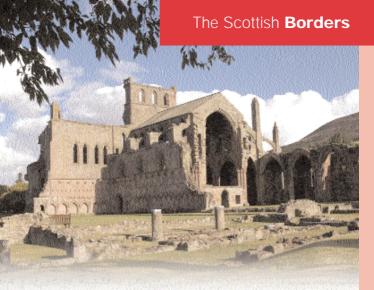












Melrose Abbey

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Melrose Abbey is a magnificent ruin on a grand scale with lavishly decorated masonry. The Abbey is thought to be the burial place of Robert the Bruce's heart, marked with a commemorative carved stone plaque within the grounds. Visitors can also visit a small museum housing a display of artefacts found within the abbey. New audio tour and children's trail available

- In Melrose off the A7 or A68 Tel: 01896 822562
- · Open all year
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00



Hermitage Castle

An awesome, eerie ruin, set in a lonely spot, Hermitage Castle has a history filled with intrigue, murders, trysts, torture, and treason.

- 5.5m NE of Newcastleton, B6399 Tel: 01387 376222
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Smailholm Tower

Set high on a rocky outcrop, Smailholm is a well-preserved 15th century rectangular tower, set within a barmkin wall. It houses an exhibition of tapestries and costume dolls relating to Sir Walter Scott's Minstrelsy of the Scottish Borders.

- · Near Smailholm village, 6m W of Kelso on the A6089 then follow the B6937 before turning on to the B6404
- Tel: 01573 460365
- · Open all summer. Winter: October open daily except Thursday and Friday, November - March open weekends only.
- · Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90











Jedburgh Abbey

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Jedburgh Abbey, founded in 1138, was a frequent target for invading border armies. Today, there is a cloister and herb garden to explore, and a visitor centre containing 8th century carvings and artefacts excavated from the abbey grounds. Visitors can also enjoy the interactive play area within the carved stone display. New computer-based disability access tour in Spring 2005. Local crafts sold in the shop.

- In Jedburgh on the A68 Tel: 01835 863925
- · Video presentation available · Cloister and herb garden
- · Open all year
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00

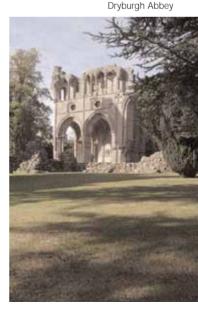


Dryburgh Abbey

Dryburgh sits by the Tweed River, its remarkably complete medieval ruins making it easy to appreciate the attractions of monastic life. The abbey buildings were destroyed by fire three times and ravaged by war on four occasions but fine examples of ecclesiastic architecture and masonry remain, and its chapter house reveals plaster and paintwork dating back to its inception.

- · 8m SE of Melrose on the B6404, near St Boswells
- · Open all year
- · Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50

(turn left onto the B6356) Tel: 01835 822381



Dumfries and **Galloway**



Caerlaverock Castle

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With its moat, twin-towered gatehouse, and imposing battlements, Caerlaverock Castle is the epitome of the medieval stronghold. The castle's turbulent history owes much to its proximity to England which brought it into border conflicts.

Today visitors can enjoy a siege warfare exhibition, a children's adventure park and a nature trail. The castle is connected by footpath to the adjacent National Nature Reserve. The shop features a range of local products made in Dumfries and Galloway. Café open during the summer.

- 8m SE of Dumfries on the B725 Tel: 01387 770244
- · Open all year · Video presentation available
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00



Threave Castle

Threave Castle

On an island in the River Dee stands Threave Castle, a massive 14th century tower built by Archibald the Grim, Lord of Galloway. Later the stronghold of the Black Douglases, it has at its base an artillery fortification built before 1455 when James II besieged the castle.



- 3m W of Castle Douglas on the A75 Tel: 07711 223101
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25 • Ferry included in admission price









Sweetheart Abbey

Sweetheart Abbey was founded in 1273 by Lady Devorgilla of Galloway in memory of her husband John Balliol. On her death, she was laid to rest next to her husband's embalmed heart and the monks named their abbev in memory of her.

- In New Abbey village on the A710 Tel: 01387 850397
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 80p Concessions £1.50









New Abbey Corn Mill

In full working order, the water-powered New Abbey Corn Mill has been carefully restored and is operated regularly in summer months to demonstrate to visitors how oatmeal is produced.

- 7m S of Dumfries on the A710 Tel: 01387 850260
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- · Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.30







Dundrennan Abbey

Built in the latter half of the 12th century, the abbey was home to a community of Cistercian monks.

- 6.5m SE of Kirkcudbright on the A711 Tel: 01557 500262
- Open all summer. Winter: October open daily except Thursday and Friday, November - March open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 80p Concessions £1.50

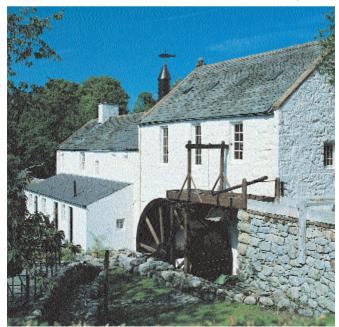








New Abbey Corn Mill





MacLellan's Castle

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The remains of this late 16th century noble residence demonstrate how architecture evolved from the heavily defended tower house to a new more domestic, if grand, scale.

- In Kirkcudbright on the A711 Tel: 01557 331856
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Cardoness Castle

A well-preserved six-storey tower house dating back to the 15th century. Its battlements command excellent views over Fleet Bay.

- 1m SW of Gatehouse of Fleet on the A75 Tel: 01557 814427
- Open all summer. Winter: October open daily except Thursday and Friday, November - March open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90







Whithorn Priory and Museum - 'The Story of Whithorn'

Founded by St Ninian in the 5th century, Whithorn is the site of Scotland's first Christian church. New display of outstanding carved stones in Spring 2005.

- At Whithorn on the A746 Tel: 01988 500508
- Open 21 March to 31 October 10.30am to 5.00pm
- Admission: Museum and The Story of Whithorn Adult £2.70 Child £1.50 Concessions £1.50 (Historic Scotland Friends discount available)
- Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible at 'The Story of Whithorn'



Glenluce Abbey

Founded around 1192, Glenluce is situated in a beautiful and peaceful valley. Visitors can see an exhibition of objects excavated on the site.

- 2m NW of Glenluce village off the A75 Tel: 01581 300541
- Open all summer. Winter: October open daily except Thursday and Friday, November - March open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 80p Concessions £1.50







Glasgow Cathedral

Glasgow Cathedral is built on the site where St Kentigern, or Mungo, the first bishop within the ancient British kingdom of Strathclyde, was thought to have been buried in AD 612.

The present cathedral was built during the 13th to 15th centuries and is the only medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland to have survived the 1560 Reformation virtually complete.

- In Glasgow Tel: 0141 552 6891/0141 552 0988
- Open all year. April to September 9.30am to 6pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm.
 October to March, 9.30am to 4pm, Sunday 1pm to 4pm
- · Admission: Free

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Bothwell Castle

Bothwell is Scotland's largest and finest 13th century castle. Part of the original circular keep survives.

- At Uddingston off the B7071 Tel: 01698 816894
- Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90

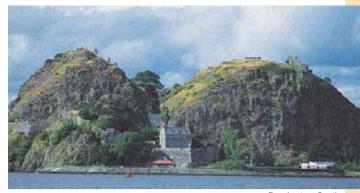


Crossraguel Abbey

Crossraguel was founded early in the 13th century by the Earl of Carrick and its remains include the church, cloister, chapter house and domestic premises.

- 2m S of Maybole on the A77 Tel: 01655 883113
- · Open summer only.
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90





Dumbarton Castle

Dumbarton Castle

Dumbarton was the centre of the ancient kingdom of Strathclyde from the 5th century until 1018. Impressively situated on a volcanic rock overlooking the Firth of Clyde, it was an important royal refuge.

- In Dumbarton on the A82 Tel: 01389 732167
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25



Newark Castle

This 15th century castle is most associated with the Patrick Maxwell. His achievements in elegantly extending Newark are diminished by his notoriety for murdering two neighbours and beating his wife of 44 years and mother of his 16 children.

- In Port Glasgow on the A8 at Newark Roundabout
- · Tel: 01475 741858
- · Open summer only
- · Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90









Newark Castle



Rothesay Castle

Built to an unusual circular plan, Rothesay Castle had a long and close association with the Stewart Kings of Scotland.

- · In Rothesay, Isle of Bute. Ferry from Wemyss Bay on the A78
- Tel: 01700 502691
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25



Rothesay Castle



Craignethan Castle

An important early artillery fortification with an exceptional residential tower and fine setting. Craignethan dates back to around 1530. The oldest part is the tower house built by Sir James Hamilton of Finnart, and the castle's defences include a caponier, a stone vaulted artillery chamber, which is unique in Britain.

- 5.5m WNW of Lanark off the A72 Tel: 01555 860364
- Open all summer. Winter: October open daily except Thursday and Friday, November - March open weekends only.
- · Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Dundonald Castle

Imposing Dundonald Castle was built by Robert II in the 1370s to mark his succession to the throne of Scotland.

- In the village of Dundonald on the A71, 12m from Ayr and 5m from Kilmarnock. Leave A77 onto B730 follow signs for Dundonald • Tel: 01563 851489.
- · Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible.
- Open seven days a week from April to October 10.00am to 5.00pm
- · Admission: Please telephone for 2005 prices.





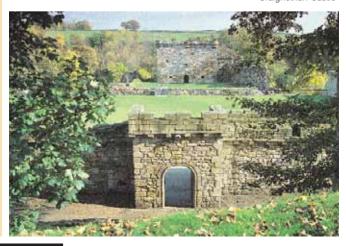


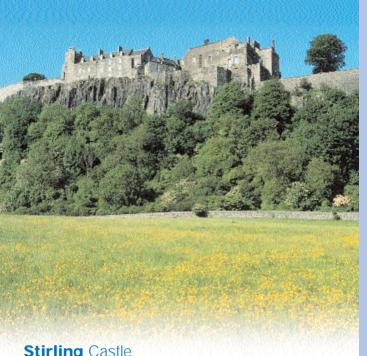






Craignethan Castle





Stirling Castle

One of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture, Stirling Castle commands the countryside for many miles around. It towers over some of the most important battlefields of Scotland's past, including Stirling Bridge, the site of William Wallace's victory over the English in 1297, and Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce defeated the same foe in 1314.

Stirling has provided the setting for many colourful events throughout Scottish history, and the castle boasts its fair share of historical assassinations, kidnappings, imprisonments and general political intrigue.

The Stewart kings, in particular, James IV, V and VI, have left behind an outstanding architectural legacy. Of interest are the gatehouse, the Great Hall, the splendid Renaissance Royal Palace and the Chapel Royal. Ongoing work to refurbish the interior of the Royal Palace is continuing this year and access may be limited at times. A display on the archaeological works will open in Spring 2005. When completed the Royal Apartments will be presented in their medieval style complete with tapestries, furniture and decorative ceiling detail. A tapestry from The Hunt of the Unicorn series, is being woven at the castle and completed tapestries are on display.



Great Hall, Stirling Castle

Visitors can enjoy an exhibition on the castle's history and the plans to present it, a medieval kitchen display and the Regimental Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Free guided tours; audio guide for hire; children's trail available. A specialist bookshop, a gift shop selling Scottish crafts and a café are also available. There is a seasonal whisky shop. Visitors with disabilities can park on the castle esplanade and then use a courtesy vehicle supplied by the Bank of Scotland. New computer-based disability access tour in Spring 2005.

- · At the head of Stirling's historic old town off the M9
- Tel: 01786 450000
- Open all year seven days a week. 25 March 30 September 9.30am to 6pm. 1 October – 24 March 9.30am to 5pm. Last ticket sold 45 minutes before closing. Regimental Museum closes 45 minutes before castle.
- Admission: Adult £8.00 Child £3.00 Concessions £6.00 (Includes admission to Argyll's Lodging).
- Car parking, max 2 hours. Cars £2.00. Coach parking, maximum 4 hours. Coaches £5.00



Argyll's Lodging

Argyll's Lodging is Scotland's most splendid and complete example of a 17th century townhouse. Situated on the upper approaches to Stirling Castle, its fine architecture marks it out as a property intended for a great nobleman serving the roval court.

- · In Stirling's historic old town just below Stirling Castle off the M9.
- Tel: 01786 431319
- · Parking at Stirling Castle.
- · Open all year seven days a week. April to September 9.30am to 6pm. October to March 9.30am to 5pm.
- Last ticket sold 30 minutes before closing.



Castle Campbell

Dramatically situated above Dollar Glen, is the forbidding-looking 15th century fortress, Castle Campbell. The castle was the lowland stronghold of the senior branch of the powerful Campbell clan who were seldom far from the major political and religious events of 15th, 16th and 17th century Scotland. Summer café (home baking).

- · At the head of Dollar Glen, 10m E of Stirling on the A91
- Tel: 01259 742408
- · There is no coach/bus access.
- · Open all year. (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50



Castle Campbell

Argyll's Lodging



Doune Castle

Built for the Regent Albany, Doune Castle is a magnificent late 14th century courtyard castle. Its most striking feature is the keep-gatehouse which includes the splendid Duke's Hall with its musicians' gallery, double fireplace and carved oak screen.

- In Doune, 10m NW of Stirling off the A84 Tel: 01786 841742
- Open all year (October March closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.30









Inchmahome Priorv

Set on an island in the Lake of Menteith, Inchmahome is an idyllicallysituated Augustinian monastery dating from 1238. Much of the 13th century building remains. There is a wide range of plant and wildlife on the island.

- · On an island in the Lake of Menteith. Reached by ferry from Port of Menteith 8m S of Callander off the A81
- Tel: 01877 385294
- · Open summer only, seven days a week 9.30am to last outward sailing at
- Admission: Adult £3.50 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50. Boat trip included in admission price





Dunstaffnage Castle

Built before 1275 on a huge rock overlooking the Firth of Lorn, Dunstaffnage was the mighty stronghold of the MacDougalls. The castle, with its huge curtain wall, was captured by Robert the Bruce in 1309 and remained in royal possession for some years. Dunstaffnage became the temporary prison of Flora MacDonald in 1746.



- Near Dunbeg 3m N of Oban off the A85 Tel: 01631 562465
- · Open all year (October March closed Thursday and Friday)
- · Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90

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Bonawe Historic Iron Furnace

The most complete charcoal-fuelled ironworks in Britain, Bonawe was founded in 1753. Displays bring to life the industrial heritage of the area and illustrate how iron was made.

- By the village of Taynuilt off the A85 Tel: 01866 822432
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.30



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Iona Abbey and Nunnery

Iona Abbey and Nunnery

One of Scotland's most historic and sacred sites, Iona Abbey was founded by St Columba and his Irish followers in AD 563. A celebrated focus for Christian pilgrimage, Iona retains its spiritual atmosphere and remains an enduring symbol of worship.

Over a century ago, the abbey and monastic buildings were restored and, in 1938. The Iona Community was founded to continue the tradition of worship in the abbey through daily services and teaching.

lona's historical and religious attractions include the abbey church and cloisters, St Columba's shrine, the site of St Columba's writing cell, and a superb collection of over 180 medieval carved stones and crosses. In the Abbey graveyard, many early Scottish kings and chiefs, as well as kings from Ireland, Norway and France are buried, and nearby are the remains of the 13th century nunnery. There is a gift shop in the Abbey cloister featuring locally-made original arts and crafts along with a wide range of souvenirs specific to Iona and Mull.

- · On the Island of Iona, public ferry from Fionnphort, Mull
- Tel: 01681 700512
- · Open all year, depending on the ferries
- Admission to the Abbey: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50











St Columba Centre

A modern interpretation centre focusing on the life and work of St Columba and the religious community he founded on Iona in 563

- · In Fionnphort, 5 minutes walk from public ferry to Iona
- Tel: 01681 700640
- Open summer only, 11.00am to 5.00pm daily. Other times by prior arrangement · Admission: Free

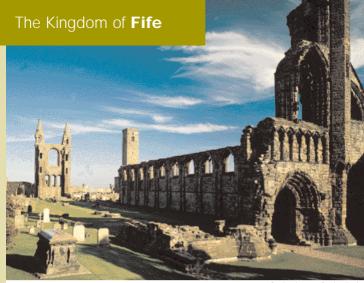












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The remains of what was Scotland's largest and most magnificent church still show how impressive St Andrews Cathedral must have been in its prime. Its museum houses a collection of early and later medieval sculpture and other relics found on the site.

St Rule's tower provides access to spectacular views.

- In St Andrews on the A91 Tel: 01334 472563
- · Open all year
- Admission: Joint ticket with the Castle:
 Adult £5.00 Child £2.00 Concessions £3.75



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On a headland to the north of St Andrews stand the ruins of the city's castle, the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St Andrews – the focal point of the Church in Medieval Scotland.

Today, a siege mine and counter-mine can be explored, and the 'bottle dungeon' viewed. Visitor centre with exhibition. The shop features a range of local products made in Fife.

- In St Andrews on the A91 Tel: 01334 477196
- · Open all year
- Admission: Joint ticket with the Cathedral: Adult £5.00 Child 2.00 Concessions £3.75



Aberdour Castle

The 13th century fortified residence of Aberdour was extended in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. It boasts a delightful walled garden and terraces with beehive-shaped doocot. Café open during the summer and weekends throughout the winter.

- In Aberdour, 8m E of the Forth Bridges on the A921
- Tel: 01383 860519
- Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday).
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25



Aberdour Castle



Dunfermline Abbey and Palace

The great abbey of Dunfermline was founded in the 11th century by Queen Margaret and the foundations of the original building lie under the stunning 12th century Romanesque style nave. The Abbey Church is the last resting place of many Scottish kings and queens.

- In Dunfermline off the M90 Tel: 01383 739026
- Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday afternoons, all day Friday and Sunday morning.) Abbey Church closed Oct-April.
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Inchcolm Abbey

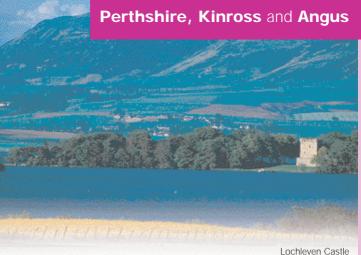
David I established a priory here which became an abbey in 1235. It is now the best-preserved group of monastic buildings in Scotland. The island is famed for its seals, wildlife and coastal defences from two World Wars.

- On Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth Tel: 01383 823332
- For information about the ferry service to the island telephone 0131 331 4857 or visit www.maidoftheforth.co.uk
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50. Ferry charge is extra.



Inchcolm Abbey





Arbroath Abbey

Founded in 1178 for monks of the Tironensian order by King William the Lion. Arbroath Abbev is famous in Scottish history for its association with the Declaration of Arbroath. In this document of 1320, Scotland's nobles swore their independence from England.

A visitor centre provides an insight into the abbey's history and an exhibition on the Declaration is within the Abbey. The shop features a range of local products made in Tayside.

- In Arbroath town centre on the A92 Tel: 01241 878756
- · Open all year
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50



Huntingtower Castle

Also known as The House of Ruthven, Huntingtower Castle comprises two fine and complete tower houses. The hall of the eastern tower has a fine painted ceiling.

- Just west of Perth off the A85 to Crieff Tel: 01738 627231
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.25

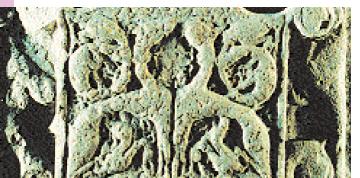


Lochleven Castle

This late 14th or early 15th century tower was the setting for the most traumatic year in the life of Mary Queen of Scots. It was here in 1567 that she was imprisoned and forced to abdicate before her dramatic escape a year later. Located within a National Nature Reserve.

- · On an island in Loch Leven reached by boat from Kinross off the M90 • Tel: 07778 040483
- · Open summer only, seven days a week 9.30am to last outward sailing at 5.15pm
- Admission: Adult £3.50 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50 Boat trip included in admission price





Meiale Sculptured Stone Museum

St Serf's Church & Dupplin Cross

This picturesque parish church houses the 9th century Dupplin Cross, a masterpiece of Pictish stonework.

- · In Dunning Village on the B9141 from the A9
- Tel: 01764 684497
- · Open summer only, seven days a week. Admission free.



Edzell Castle and Garden

The refined beauty of Edzell was a statement of the prestige of its owners, the Lindsays.

The stylised walled garden was created around 1604. Resplendent with heraldic sculptures and carved panels, the architectural framework surrounding the garden is unique in Britain. The garden also includes walled flower and nesting boxes and a delightful summer house.

- At Edzell 6m N of Brechin on the B966
 Tel: 01356 648631
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50













Meigle Sculptured Stone Museum

The Museum at Meigle displays 26 carved stones dating from the late 8th to the late 10th centuries. Making up one of the most important collections of early medieval sculpture in Western Europe, they are all that survives of a centre of Pictish wealth and patronage.

- . In Meigle 6m SE of Glamis off the A94
- Tel: 01828 640612
- · Open Summer only. Other times by prior arrangement.
- · Admission: Adult £2.20 Child 80p Concessions £1.60

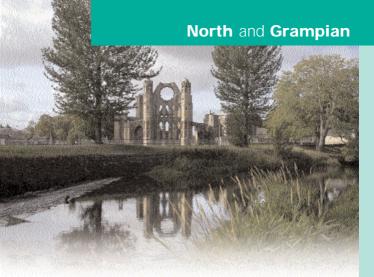


Elcho Castle

Elcho Castle is a handsome and remarkably complete 16th century fortified mansion with three projecting towers.

- 5m NE of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd
- Tel: 01738 639998
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £2.20 Child 80p Concessions £1.60





Elgin Cathedral

One of Scotland's most beautiful medieval buildings, Elgin Cathedral is a magnificent ruin, much of which dates back to the 13th century. Its many outstanding architectural features include the country's finest octagonal chapter house.

- In Elgin on the A96 Tel: 01343 547171
- Open all year. (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50
- Joint ticket with Spynie Palace available: Adult £3.80 Child £1.50 Concessions £2.90



Dallas Dhu Historic Distillerv

The picturesque distillery of Dallas Dhu was built in 1898 to produce malt whisky for Glasgow firm Wright and Greig's popular 'Roderick Dhu' blend. Visitors to the unique time capsule of Dallas Dhu can see and hear how whisky was made here - there is an audio-visual presentation and free audio guide - and sample a free dram.

- 1m S of Forres off the A940 Tel: 01309 676548
- · Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00







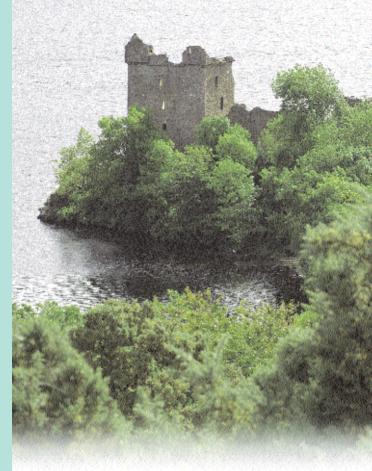






Dallas Dhu Historic Distillery







Urquhart Castle

The magnificently situated Urquhart Castle, on the banks of Loch Ness, remains an impressive stronghold despite its ruinous state. Once one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart's remains include a tower house that commands splendid views of the famous loch and Great Glen.

Urquhart witnessed considerable conflict throughout its 500 years as a medieval fortress and its history from the 13th to 17th centuries was particularly bloody. Following

Edward I's invasion, it fell into English hands and was then reclaimed and lost again. In the 14th century, it figured prominently in the Scots' struggle







for independence and came under the control of Robert the Bruce after he became King of Scots. In the 15th and 16th centuries, the castle and glen were frequently raided from the west by the ambitious Macdonald Lords of the Isles.

The castle's history and that of the noble families - Durward, Macdonald and Grant - who held it, is told in the exhibition and audio-visual display in the visitor centre. The Centre features an outstanding array of medieval artefacts found at the castle. Visitors can relax in the café and visit the shop with its local crafts. The centre is fully accessible, with sound loop facilities. Disability buggies are available on request. New paths and viewing points provide improved access to the castle. Extensive car and coach parking.

- On Loch Ness near Drumnadrochit on the A82
- Tel: 01456 450551
- · email: hs.urguhart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
- Open all year. Last ticket sold 45 minutes before closing.
- Admission: Adult £6.00 Child £2.40 Concessions £4.50







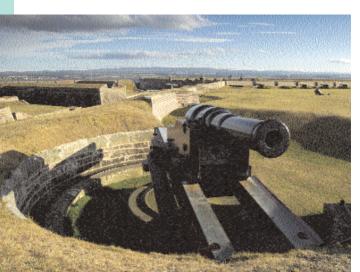












Fort George

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Following the 1746 defeat at Culloden of Bonnie Prince Charlie, George II created the ultimate defence against further Jacobite unrest. The result, Fort George, is the mightiest artillery fortification in Britain, if not Europe.

Its garrison buildings, artillery defences bristling with cannon, and superb collection of arms – including bayoneted muskets, pikes, swords and ammunition pouches – provide a fascinating insight into 18th century military life.

Positioned strategically on a promontory jutting into the Moray Firth, Fort George was intended as an impregnable army base - designed on a monumental scale using sophisticated defence standards. Today, it would cost nearly £1 billion. Within almost a mile of boundary walls was accommodation for a governor, officers, artillery detachment, and a 1600strong infantry garrison. It also housed a magazine for 2,500 gunpowder barrels, ordnance and provision stores, a brewhouse and chapel.

When the fortress was completed in 1769, the Highlands were peaceful but it was maintained in readiness for action that never came, and has remained virtually unaltered. Visitors today can see historic barrack rooms which are a time capsule of the domestic life of the Scottish soldier.

Fort George is the only Ancient Monument in Scotland still functioning as intended - a working army barracks but still welcoming visitors. A gift shop, book shop (seasonal) and café (seasonal) are among the attractions. The Regimental Museum of the Queen's Own Highlanders is here, while dolphins can often be seen from the ramparts. There is also a summer events programme and troop train transport. Wheelchairs available.

- . 6m W of Nairn, 11m NE of Inverness off the A96
- Tel: 01667 460232
- · Open all year. Last ticket sold 45 minutes before closing. Cafe open limited hours in winter
- Admission: Adult £6.00 Child £2.40 Concessions £4.50











Spynie Palace

For five centuries until 1686, Spynie Palace was the residence of the bishops of Moray. Superb views.

- 2m N of Elgin off the A941 Tel: 01343 546358
- · Open all summer. Winter: open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90
- Joint ticket with Elgin Cathedral available: Adult £3.80 Child £1.50 Concessions £2.90



Huntly Castle

Remarkable for its splendid architecture, Huntly Castle served as a baronial residence for five centuries. Many impressive features include a fine heraldic sculpture and inscribed stone friezes. The earliest stronghold on the site sheltered Robert the Bruce in the 14th century.

- In Huntly on the A96 Tel: 01466 793191
- Open all year (Winter: closed Thursday and Friday)
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50



Corgarff Castle

In a lonely moorland setting, Corgarff's medieval tower house, built in the mid-16th century, is surrounded by a distinctive star-shaped perimeter wall.

- 8m W of Strathdon on the A939 Tel: 01975 651460
- · Open all summer. Winter: open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50



Balvenie Castle

Originally the seat of the powerful Comyn earls of Buchan, Balvenie is a castle of enclosure with massive curtain wall.

- At Dufftown on the A941 Tel: 01340 820121
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Corgarff Castle



Duff House

This magnificent Georgian mansion is now open as a Country House Gallery of the National Galleries of Scotland.

- In Banff
 Tel: 01261 818181
- Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible
- Telephone for further details and 2005 admission prices









Kildrummy Castle

The great castle of Kildrummy was the stronghold of the Earls of Mar. Although ruined it remains a fine example of a 13th century castle with its curtain wall, four round towers, hall and chapel.

- 10m SW of Alford on the A97 Tel: 01975 571331
- Open summer only Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90











Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse and Museum

Built for the Fraser family this fine 16th century castle was altered in 1787 to take the first lighthouse built by the Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses.

- · On a promontory in Fraserburgh on the A92
- Tel: 01346 511022
- · Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible
- Open all year seven days a week. Telephone for further details and 2005 admission prices, joint ticket with Scotland's National Lighthouse Museum











Tolquhon Castle

Noted for its highly ornamented gatehouse, Tolguhon is one of the most picturesque of the castles in the Grampian countryside.

- 15m N of Aberdeen on the A920 Tel: 01651 851286
- · Open all summer. Winter: open weekends only.
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90













Tolquhon Castle





Calanais Standing Stones

A cross-shaped setting of standing stones erected around 3000 BC. Visitor centre at Calanais is managed by the Urras nan Tursachan.

- · 12m west of Stornoway off the A859, Isle of Lewis
- Tel: 01851 621422
- Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible.
- Site open free all year, seven days a week. Visitor Centre closed Sundays. Summer from 10.00am to 7.00pm and from 10.00am to 4.00pm in winter. Telephone for further details and admission prices



Kisimul Castle

The only significant surviving medieval castle in the Western Isles, seat of the Chiefs of Clan Macneil.

- · In Castlebay, Isle of Barra, reached by small boat from Castlebay (five minute trip, weather permitting)
- Tel: 01871 810313
- · Open summer only
- · Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50 Admission includes boat trip



The **Black House**. Arnol

A traditional, fully furnished, Lewis thatched house which provides a unique insight into island life. There is also an attached barn, byre and stackyard. Beside the Black House, a furnished 1920s crofthouse and a ruined black house can also be seen. Visitor centre with interpretative displays and locally-made crafts.

- · In Arnol village, Isle of Lewis, 11m NW of Stornoway on the A858
- Tel: 01851 710395
- · Open all year except Sundays
- · Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00







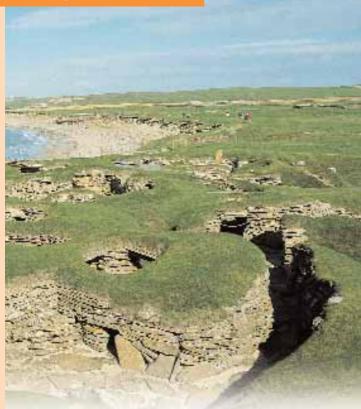








Orkney



Skara Brae Prehistoric Village

When a wild storm on Orkney in 1850 exposed the ruins of ancient dwellings, Skara Brae, the best preserved prehistoric village in northern Europe, was discovered.

The excavated farming settlement dates back 5000 years. Within the stone walls of the dwellings - separated by passages - are stone beds, dressers, seats and boxes for provisions, recesses for personal possessions, and a hearth where dried heather, bracken or seaweed was burned.

A replica house has been created next to the site and many original artefacts found at Skara Brae (part of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site) are displayed in the visitor centre, which has a café. There is also a shop featuring many products created in Orkney. Wheelchairs available. Joint ticket with Skaill House in summer.

- 19m NW of Kirkwall on the B9056 Tel: 01856 841815
- · Open all year. Closed Sun mornings in winter.
- Admission: (Summer) Adult £6.00 Child £2.40 Concessions £4.50 (Winter: Skara Brae only) Adult £5.00 Child £2.00 Concessions £4.00
- · Historic Scotland Friends retail discount not eligible at Skaill House













Brough of Birsay

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Pictish and Norse power-base with Pictish well, replica carving, extensive ruins of Norse houses and 12th-century church.

- On a tidal island at Birsay, 20m NW of Kirkwall off the A966. Check tide tables at Skara Brae • Tel: 01856 841815
- Open when tides permit mid-June to 30 September, Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 6.30pm.
- Admission: Adult £2.00 Child 80p Concessions £1.50
- Telephone the Earl's Palace, Birsay 01856 721205



Maeshowe Chambered Cairn

Maeshowe is the finest chambered tomb in north-west Europe and more than 5,000 years old. It was broken into in the mid-12th century by Viking crusaders who carved graffiti runes on the walls of the main chamber. In 1999, it was designated a World Heritage Site with Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar and the Stones of Stenness. The shop features many products made in Orkney. Access to the tomb is by guided tour only with timed ticketing in operation. Please telephone 01856 761606 to book.

- 9m W of Kirkwall on the A965 Tel: 01856 761606
- Open all year. Closed Sunday mornings in winter.
- Admission: Adult £4.00 Child £1.60 Concessions £3.00





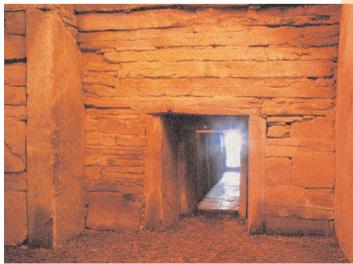


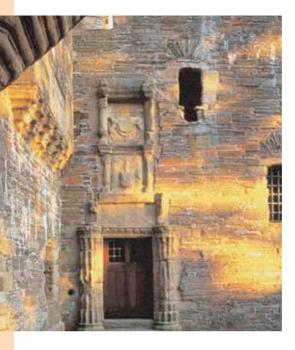






Maeshowe





The Bishop's Palace and Earl's Palace

The earliest visible parts of the Bishop's Palace date to the 12th century. The imposing round tower was added to the hall-house about 1550 and further modifications were made around 1600. It has been described as the most accomplished piece of Renaissance architecture left in Scotland.

- In Kirkwall on the A960
- Tel: 01856 871918
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £2.50 Child £1.00 Concessions £1.90



Broch of Gurness

Probably dating to the 1st century AD, Gurness broch gives a fascinating insight into Orcadian village life around 2000 years ago.

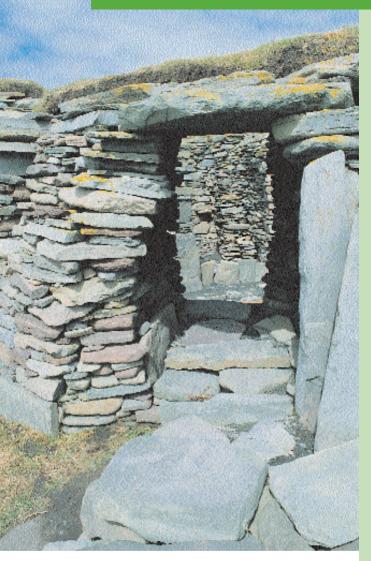
- · At Aikerness, 14m NW of Kirkwall on the A966
- Tel: 01856 751414
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50



Hackness Martello Tower and Battery

One of a pair of towers built between 1813 and 1815 to provide defence against French and American privateers for British convoys assembling in the sound of Longhope. Provided a base for a 25-pounder cannon.

- At the SE end of Hoy. Orkney Ferries Ltd from Houton Terminal
- Tel: 01856 811397
- \bullet Open summer only \bullet Admission: Adult £3.00 Child £1.20 Concessions £2.30
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Jarlshof Prehistoric and Norse Settlement

Jarlshof provides an insight into the way of life of the inhabitants at particularly interesting periods - the late Bronze Age, Iron Age, Pictish era, Norse era and the Middle Ages. It includes oval-shaped Bronze Age houses, Iron Age broch and wheelhouses, Viking long houses, medieval farmstead and 16th century laird's house.

- · At Sumburgh Head, 22m S of Lerwick on the A970
- Tel: 01950 460112
- · Open summer only
- Admission: Adult £3.30 Child £1.30 Concessions £2.50







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