



# Northeast Scotland

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## Why Go?

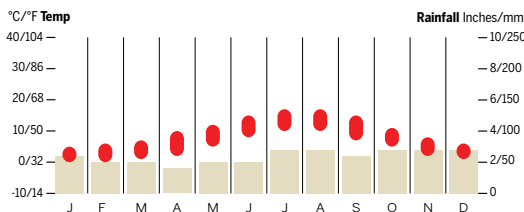
Many visitors pass by this corner of the country in their headlong rush to the tourist honeypots of Loch Ness and Skye. But they're missing out on a part of Scotland that's just as beautiful and diverse as the more obvious attractions of the west.

Within its bounds you'll find two of Scotland's four largest cities: Dundee, the city of jute, jam and journalism, cradle of some of Britain's favourite comic characters, and home to Captain Scott's Antarctic research ship, the *Discovery*; and Aberdeen, the granite city, an economic powerhouse fuelled by the riches of North Sea oil.

Angus is a region of rich farmland and scenic glens dotted with the mysterious stones left behind by the ancient Picts, while Aberdeenshire and Moray are home to the greatest concentration of Scottish Baronial castles in the country, and dozens of distilleries along the River Spey.

## When to Go

### Aberdeen



**Jun/Jul** Classic boats large and small fill Portsoy harbour for the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival.

**Sep** Revellers gather for a whisky and music festival in Dufftown.

**Dec** Spectacular fireball ceremony in Stonehaven on Hogmanay (New Year's Eve).



## Northeast Scotland Highlights

### 1 Discovery (p212)

Exploring below decks on board Captain Scott's famous polar exploration vessel in Dundee.

### 2 Aberlemno Stones

(p220) Meditating on the meaning of the mysterious Pictish stones of Angus.

3 Tayberry (p217) Tucking into the cream of Scottish cuisine at this restaurant in Broughty Ferry.

4 Speyside (p237) Being initiated into the mysteries of malt whisky on a Speyside distillery tour.

5 Scottish Dolphin Centre (p234) Learning about the Moray Firth's bottlenose dolphins at Spey Bay.

6 Scottish Lighthouse Museum (p233) Discovering the heritage of Scotland's maritime tradition.