LOCAL INFORMATION

In and around Grantown-on-Spey

Grantown-on-Spey, founded in the 18th century, is the historical capital of Strathspey nestling in the heart of the Scottish Highlands.

Few areas in Scotland provide the year-round tourist attraction and sporting opportunities that can be found in the Spey Valley and Cairngorm Mountain area, making Grantown the ideal base for exploring the area. On March 25th 2003 the Cairngorms National Park, the largest National Park in the UK (3800 km²) was established by the Scottish Parliament, extending from Grantown-on-Spey down through the Cairngorm Mountains. This will develop the natural and cultural heritage of our area even further for the enjoyment of tourists and locals alike. Scotland is the best place to get back to nature with red deer, otters, dolphins, golden eagles, osprey and pine martens.

Outdoor Activities

For active outdoor enthusiasts, activities include fishing and stalking with a local guide - we can arrange this for you during your stay.

Or how about a game of golf on one of seven local courses in Grantown, Carrbridge, Boat of Garten, Newtonmore, Kingussie, Aviemore, and Craggan.

There are also local facilities for horse riding, pony trekking, bird watching, skiing, snow boarding, white water rafting, and hill and forest walking in the Cairngorms and Cromdale Mountains. For wildlife and bird enthusiasts there is the RSPB centre at Loch Garten; organise your own tour through Speyside Wildlife or David Slater birdwatching day tours and workshops at www.birdingecosse.co.uk or tel 01309 641509.

For all these activities there is secure storage and drying facilities plus packed lunches and flask refills. We are also the guest house closest to the Speyside Way route.

Speyside Malt Whisky Trail And More

Visit the 7 distilleries and cooperage on the Malt Whisky Trail plus the Cashmere Visitor Centre, Brodie Countryfayre, potteries, Baxters Soup and Walkers Biscuit factories.

Historical Interest

Enjoy a family day out at Ballindalloch Castle, the home of the Macpherson-Grant family. For real historical interest why not visit Cawdor Castle, or the battlefield experience at Culloden?

For something a little closer, why not visit Grantown Museum situated just around the corner from Garden Park - a fascinating insight into Grantown's history, culture and people?

Eating Out Locally

We do not provide lunch or evening meals, but we can recommend our personal local favourites. For a fantastic steak dinner or local specialities, try the Garth Hotel. Also the Sylhet Brasserie for a special Indian meal - great authentic cuisine. Other places to eat and drink include The Craig Bar, The Ben Mhor Hotel and The Grant Arms.

GOLF COURSES

- Grantown-on-Spey Golf Club
- Carrbridge Golf Club
- Boat Of Garten Golf Club
- Newtonmore Golf Club
- Kingussie Golf Club
- Macdonald Aviemore Resort
- Craggan Outdoors

DISTILLERIES

- Glenfiddich Distillery
- Macallan Distillery
- Aberlour Distillery
- Glenlossie Distillery
- <u>Dufftown Distillery</u>
- Balvenie Distillery
- Speyside Tours

ATTRACTIONS

- Alvie Estate
- Grantown-on-Spey Birdwatching
- RSPB Wildlife Charity
- Bird watching day tours
- <u>Cairngorm Mountain</u>
- Speyside Way
- Landmark Forest Adventure Park

EAT & DRINK

- The High Street Merchants
- The Wee Puffin
- No.7 Bistro
- Sylhet Brasserie
- Chaplins Coffee House
- Grantown East
- Craig Bar