

# Magic MUSEUMS

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## 12 ST MUNGO MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ART

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[glasgowlife.org.uk/museums](http://glasgowlife.org.uk/museums)

Let's be honest, Glasgow has a pretty convoluted history with religion. It hasn't always been pretty, but this space only promotes education and acceptance to both the most devout and most sceptic amongst us. Named after the patron saint of Glasgow, the museum shows art and artefacts from the world's largest religions. There is a floor dedicated to Scotland, which illustrates how religion has influenced and dictated opinion for over 5000 years. The zen garden at the back was the first in Britain and the overlooking Glasgow cathedral the oldest building in Scotland.

## 13 PETERHEAD PRISON MUSEUM

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[peterheadprisonmuseum.com](http://peterheadprisonmuseum.com)

Peterhead Prison, also known as Scotland's Alcatraz, was made notorious by the 1987 riots, when prisoners took control of D Hall and took two guards hostage. The siege lasted for five days until home secretary Douglas Hurd called in the SAS (British Special Forces) to retake the prison. One of the guards held captive, Jackie Stuart, was a popular guide at the museum for many years. Although he passed away in 2023, his story is still told on the tour, which provides a thought-provoking insight into Scotland's only convict prison.

## 14 V&A DUNDEE

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Esplanade

Dundee

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[vam.ac.uk/dundee](http://vam.ac.uk/dundee)

This truly unique and outstanding building makes quite the impression on the Dundee skyline. Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, its form is said to be inspired by the cliffs of the North East and is quite the structure to ponder over. It's the first ever museum in Scotland dedicated to design and showcases some of the most influential and inspiring collections of international and Scottish design, both physically and virtually and certainly is a bold statement to begin with. Ten years in the making, it's a grand addition to the UNESCO city of design.



14 V&A DUNDEE



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH

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55 PROVAND'S LORDSHIP

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[glasgowlife.org.uk](http://glasgowlife.org.uk)

The Provand's Lordship is the oldest house in Glasgow and one of the two oldest medieval buildings. Built in 1471 by the Bishop of Glasgow, it now houses a historic medieval museum. Free admission.

56 **GOVANHILL BATHS**

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[govanhillbaths.com](http://govanhillbaths.com)

Govanhill Baths is the last remaining Edwardian public bathhouse in Glasgow. It was opened to the public in 1917, and apart from leisure, an important function of the building was to provide steam laundry facilities to local residents living in tenement buildings. Officially closed in 2001, the future for this excellent building looked bleak. However, an array of events ranging from art to poetry, and theatre has kept the spirit alive. Thanks to steady campaigning from community group Govanhill Baths Community Trust the building might be restored in the future. It remains closed for now, but their programme continues across Govanhill in other venues. Every workshop, gig, or screening you go to helps fund the future wellness centre. A great piece of Glasgow history still writing its next chapter.









## Where to go for an **ADVENTURE**

### 97 **ISLE OF MAY**

#### **BOAT AND TICKETS:**

**Anstruther**

**Pleasure Cruises**

**Middle Pier**

**Anstruther**

**KY10 3AB**

**Central Scotland**

**+44 (0)7957 585 200**

**[isleofmayferry.com](http://isleofmayferry.com)**

The Isle of May is a wonderful nature reserve in the Firth of Forth that's ideal for spotting sea birds such as puffins and mammals such as Atlantic grey seals. The best way to get over there is to book a boat trip with Anstruther Pleasure Cruises. The trips last around 4,5 to 5 hours giving you at least 2,5 hours on the island to enjoy the walks and scenery. The island is owned and maintained by Scottish Natural Heritage. They have rangers stationed there to give you important information about the island and its biodiversity. May and June are the best times to see breeding seabirds, and best to book later on in the day to see puffins, as they are usually out fishing during the day.



### 98 **LOCH INSH**

**Kingussie**

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Islands (South)**

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**[lochinch.com](http://lochinch.com)**

The Freshwater family have been providing adventure experiences at Loch Insh Outdoor Centre for over 50 years now. It is an epic place to spend the day taking up one of the many activities on offer, such as sailing, mountain biking, windsurfing, archery, kayaking... the list is endless! There is something for everyone and all abilities with instruction available. For those staying locally it's a great place to entertain the kids. On a sunny day the balcony is a perfect place to grab lunch, an ice cream or a beer at their restaurant. You can stay on site and there is an array of accommodation available.







## 120 COIRE FHIONN LOCHAN

North Ayrshire,  
Isle of Arran  
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Argyll & Bute

Coire Fhionn is a beautiful wee mountain loch that sits about 350 metres above sea level. It's been carved out by glacial ice and now holds clear but peaty water fed by fresh hill streams. It even has its own little white granite beach, which is a great place to stop for a picnic, or to ditch your towel if you want to go for a dip. It's around a 5,6-kilometre walk, so it should take you a couple of hours to go there and back. The views over to the Mull of Kintyre on the way up are also beautiful. Park at Thundergay, which should get a laugh from the immature amongst us, and follow the signs.

## 121 BEN LAWERS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

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(Ranger base)  
[nts.org.uk](http://nts.org.uk)

Forget Ben Nevis, it's busy and full of tourists trying to tackle it in their flip-flops. Ben Lawers is where to go. Sitting at 1214 metres it is the 10th highest *Munro* in Scotland and it is a magnificent place to escape and take in nature, too. Red deer, ptarmigan and black grouse are just some of the wildlife you'll spot here. For those who don't want to walk to the top there are well-marked lower slope trails, but for those who want to take on the challenge and summit: please allow at least 6 hours to do so. Once you get to the top, breathtaking views await, especially over Loch Tay, Glencoe and over to the Cairngorms. It's really quite special. The National Trust frequently runs guided walks that are a great way to explore, especially for the less experienced. See their website for booking details. Please don't get caught out in the Scottish mountains, they are ruthless. So take walking essentials with you, even on a nice day. Park at the NNR car park and remember your £3 for parking.





## BOOKSHOPS *with character*

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### 153 **ARMCHAIR BOOKS**

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Edinburgh  
EH1 2LE  
+44 (0)131 229 5927  
[armchairbooks.co.uk](http://armchairbooks.co.uk)

Getting lost down the rabbit hole is quite an enjoyable experience at Armchair Books. Books are bursting from what seems like every corner of the shop, which is bound to give any organisational enthusiast a slight heart attack. But you don't come here for the latest bestsellers, perfectly organised displays and Costa Coffee. You come here to get stunned by the eclectic choice and the books that seem to be as old as Edinburgh itself. Go get lost.

### 154 **LEAKEY'S BOOKSHOP**

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Inverness  
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Islands (South)  
+44 (0)1463 239 947  
[leakeysbookshop.com](http://leakeysbookshop.com)

Leakey's secondhand bookshop possesses an amount of character and charm that you think is only attainable in the fairy-tale books it sells. Housed in a Gaelic church dating back to 1793, this sanctuary now provides space for a different type of worship. The high ceilings, pulpit and log burning stove are just part of what make this place so special. A definite stop for book lovers.

### 155 **CALTON BOOKS**

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Glasgow  
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[calton-books.co.uk](http://calton-books.co.uk)

Based near the famous Barras on London Road, Calton Books proudly calls itself the best wee radical bookshop in the world. This independent shop in Glasgow is run by volunteers. The literature sold here promotes local working-class history and connects with radical ideas from around the globe i.e., "the stuff you 'weren't taught in school". Free thinking is encouraged and genres include feminism, anarchy, Marxism, civil rights and refugee stories. T-shirts, pins and patches are also available, if you want to wear your politics on your sleeve.





313 **ALTAHARRA  
HOTEL**

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**[altnaharra.com](http://altnaharra.com)**

Altnaharra holds the record for the UK's lowest recorded temperature at  $-27,2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but not to worry, the hotel's welcome is a lot warmer than that. Historically known as a fine fishing destination, this is a great place to base yourself for all kinds of Highland adventures. You can hike Britain's most northerly Munros, Ben Hope or Ben Klibreck, or take on the slightly smaller but just as beautiful Ben Loyal. There's also a lot of Highland history to explore right on its doorstep, including the Rosal Highland Clearance Village. Whatever you get up to, there's an excellent dinner service and bar to return to after you've relaxed in your Highland room.



313 ROSAL HIGHLAND CLEARANCE VILLAGE NEAR ALTAHARRA HOTEL

## AT HOME *far from home*

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314 **URBAN QUARTERS  
APARTMENTS**

**26 South Tay St**  
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**[urbanquarters.co.uk](http://urbanquarters.co.uk)**

This building consists of four individual contemporary apartments from the basement to the attic. Each self-catering apartment is named after a famous Dundonian. All fitted with modern appliances. Ideally located just a 10-minute walk from the train station and the V&A museum, this neighbourhood offers plenty of options to dine out in this revamped area. Minimum three nights stay.



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