

Love East Lothian



The Bridge to Nowhere

Welcome to East Lothian and the fantastic attractions and experiences that make this area a great holiday destination.

Contrasting landscapes and a superb coastal location define this region. There's 40 miles of dramatic coastline with expansive sandy beaches, rolling green countryside, pretty villages, seaside towns and the atmospheric Lammermuir Hills. Driving routes are varied with some magnificent and unique hilltop vistas opening out both to Edinburgh and to the sea.

Situated just outside Edinburgh, East Lothian is one of the sunniest regions of Scotland with more than its fair share of amazing beaches – it feels like a million miles away! Famously designated as **Scotland's Golf Coast**, with the greatest concentration of championship links golf courses in the world and home to Muirfield host of the Open but also a superb backdrop to a multitude of different holidays.



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Accommodation is available to suit all visitors. Beyond the fantastic range of hotels and B&BS, the choice includes exclusive use in historic buildings; seaside locations; bothies, farm stays, a lighthouse, glamping in tree houses and top restaurants with rooms. Best options for group requests can be advised.

Heritage and Castles

There's ancient castles and historic landmarks including the spectacular **Tantallon Castle** and **The Bass Rock**, an imposing volcanic island rising from the Firth of Forth and home to the world's largest northern Gannet colony. Impressive up close from a thrilling **boat trip**, but also as a stunning view best seen from East Lothian vantage points.

Peppered throughout the region are unique gems, **Dirleton Castle**, with the longest herbaceous garden border in the world; **Glenkinchie**, the closest whisky distillery to Edinburgh and Scotland's only Concorde at the **National Museum of Flight**. East Lothian's last working water mill, **Preston Mill** will delight set-jetters and *Outlander* fans, and provides a fascinating glimpse of Scotland's working past.

For Nature lovers, popular attractions include the award winning **Scottish Seabird Centre** with wildlife viewing options and conservation ethos. The surrounding landscape is easily accessible and way marked routes, gardens and estates, beach, hills and nature reserves lend themselves to some countryside immersion, from easy walks and trails to co-ordinated wildlife watching.

John Muir, famous Scot and naturalist and founder of the National Park Movement in the US, was born here and was inspired by these shores. Visit **John Muir's Birthplace** and his legacy in the **John Muir Country Park** and **John Muir Way** (long distance East to West, walk or cycle).

For the active, as well as our world celebrated golf status some of Scotland's best beaches for water sports including sailing, kayaking and surfing are to be found in the region. Cycling routes and trails exist suitable for all skill levels and you can hire bikes and e bikes. A growing number of activity provider operators exist for lessons and tours. Of note award winning **Foxlake Adventures** wakeboarding and multi activity centre.



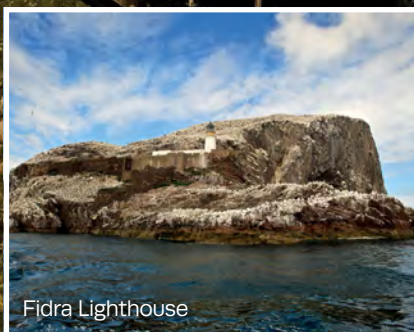
Perfect for authentic food and drink

Passionate about local produce throughout the region, there's some of Scotland's finest food reflecting the surrounding land and sea. There's a many and varied offering from farm shops, local pubs and inns to fine dining in Michelin rated restaurants. Unique venues and seafood "must do experiences" like enjoying lobster at North Berwick harbour are recommended. Our Food and Drink itinerary planner provides some ideas but there are many more.

The itineraries are designed to introduce both the highlights and surprises of the area and themes to appeal for specific interests and flexible options for tailored programmes.

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History and Heritage

Top castles and historic landmarks to visit around the region.

Food and Drink Experiences

Local produce of the region including distilleries and breweries, pub lunches and afternoon teas.

Outdoor and Active

Walking, cycling and bookable active experiences and adventures on land and sea.

Nature and Wildlife

Wildlife watching with experts, boat trips and glorious nature highlights of the region.

Outlander, Culture and Film

Following in the footsteps of famous Scots, key moments in history and filming locations.

Unique Experiences

Special, different and exclusive options to enhance client programmes.

Touring Itinerary (1 – 3 days)

Ideas for days in the region for both groups and FITS.

Itinerary Builder (1 – 5 day options)

Flexible options for touring the region with days in and around main centres.

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