



GATEWAY TO ANGUS

Montrose Port is the perfect gateway to Angus and the north-east of Scotland; an area renowned for sweeping sandy beaches, stunning mountains and glens, ancient castles and some of the country's finest golf courses. This really is a region that encapsulates the heart of Scotland.

The Birthplace of Scotland

Angus was the location for the Battle of Dunnichen between the Picts and Northumbrians in 685AD. The battle effectively led to the subsequent creation of the Kingdom of Alba, later to become known as Scotland.

Ever since, Angus has been steeped in history; it is home to world famous attractions such as Glamis Castle and Arbroath Abbey. There are endless coastal roads allowing you to tour the east coast, visiting quaint fishing villages. Foodies should seek out the unique Arbroath Smokie – delicious smoked haddock prepared in a time-honoured tradition.

Natural World

For those who enjoy the natural world, the Angus Glens will take your breath away, as will the long sandy beaches that are perfect for peace and solitude. Wildlife abounds in this part of the world, with coastal cliffs that attract breeding seabirds and forests that are home to red squirrels and a host of other animals.

Teeing Off

The world famous Carnoustie Golf Links, home to one of the most challenging championship courses, is also easily accessible from Montrose. There are several fantastic courses across Angus and Montrose itself boasts one of the oldest golf courses in the world. Its links landscape guarantees enjoyment and a very testing experience for visiting golfers. With all this and so much more, Montrose offers the ideal cruise destination.

Location:
Quay length:
Berth details:

56° 42.2' N 002° 28' W
500m North & South
Max LOA 165m
Depth 8m

Tidal range/movement:
Pilotage:
Tugs may be required
Shuttle to town:
Nearest airport:

Spring 4.5m, Neaps 2m
Compulsory

Yes
Edinburgh 142km
Aberdeen 72km
East coast main line

Rail access:



THINGS TO DO

Montrose Basin

Just minutes from the centre of Montrose, this rich tidal basin plays host to large numbers of wildfowl, waders and up to 60,000 migrating geese each year. There are four hides on the reserve and a four-star Visitor Centre.

Best times to visit: Easter to October for outdoor activities; April to August for breeding birds; October to February for wintering geese and anytime of the year for wildfowl and waders.

Glamis Castle

Glamis Castle is a living, breathing monument, a mere 40km from Montrose. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth. It was the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the birthplace of HRH Princess Margaret.

As soon as you enter the Queen Mother Gates at Glamis and see the Castle's turrets and towers nestled at the end of the mile-long drive, you can't fail but to be impressed by its majesty.

Turin Castle

A fabulously regal venue to set up for an afternoon tea like no other. With dozens of activities to enjoy in the Castle and surrounding gardens, such as whisky tastings, wine and food pairings, chocolate making workshops, cookery lessons and more, this iconic castle cannot be missed. Turin Castle also offers Segway sessions and archery.

Arbikie Visitor Centre

As Scottish market leaders in innovative and premium spirits, the Arbikie Distillery's new Visitor Centre focuses on an immersive guest experience. The venue will offer whisky and gin tours, giving a complete field to bottle learning experience. A café and restaurant focusing on local produce will be located at the Centre as well as a retail outlet for gifts, to help you take a little of the Arbikie experience home.

House of Dun

A house designed with Georgian pride and Baroque extravagance by renowned architect William Adam, this building resembles the perfect country laird's home. The house took 13 years to complete and the precisely fine details result in a masterful piece of architecture. Guided tours of the house run every 45 minutes and last around 1 hour and 15 minutes. The tour will take you through 250 years of history and introduce you to the main features and characters that played major roles within the story of the house. There are several renowned walks within the grounds including the Lady Augusta Walk, the Woodland Walk and the Montrose Basin.

The Famous Arbroath Smokie

Tour our beautiful east coast and visit some of the quaint fishing villages, including the incredibly picturesque Auchmithie. Foodies must take the time to seek out the Arbroath smokie – delicious smoked haddock famous the world over and completely unique to the area.



Barry Mill

This working water-powered mill is a rare example of Scotland's industrial heritage, suited for those who want a little bit of down time whilst taking in the beautiful scenery. Get a glimpse into the tough day of a miller, watch grain being milled or even just stroll alongside the Barry Burn to spot wildflowers and take in the landscape.

Signal Tower Museum

Located near Arbroath's picturesque and busy harbour, the Signal Tower Museum is set in a complex of buildings which were originally used as the shore station and family accommodation for the Bell Rock Lighthouse. The Lighthouse stands 18km offshore from Arbroath and visitors can enjoy its views from the Museum webcam.

Guests can learn the story of the lighthouse, which illustrates how the sea has helped to influence the coastal town's social, industrial and ecclesiastical history. From multimedia displays and historic objects, the Museum offers something for everyone.

J M Barrie's Birthplace

The world-famous creator of Peter Pan was born in this traditional weaver's house in Kirriemuir, and guests will have the opportunity to stop by the washhouse where the young author performed his first play at the age of seven, and which also provided inspiration for the 'Wendy House' in Peter Pan. Look out for original costumes from the first ever production of the play and see where the Barrie children would have slept crowded together.

Crombie Country Park

Crombie Park consists of 200 acres of beautiful woodland surrounding the striking Crombie Loch. There are 7km of woodland trails to enjoy, including the Discovery Trail where visitors can take in the social and natural history of the area. There is an abundance of wildlife and a 36-point orienteering course is also on offer for adventurous visitors.

Caledonian Railway

The Caledonian Railway is an entirely volunteer run, non-profit organisation that operates heritage steam and diesel hauled trains along a 7km branch line between the town of Brechin and the countryside stop of Bridge of Dun. Opened originally in 1848, the line was built to allow the movement of large quantities of materials in and out of Brechin. Railway enthusiasts set up the Caledonian Railway in 1979 to preserve the branch line, and the railway has become one of the most visited attractions in the area.

Montrose Air Station

With the distinction of having the first operational military airfield in Great Britain, Montrose is home to the Montrose Air Station and Heritage Centre, which is located on the former airfield. It aims to show the human side of its history, with a collection of contemporary photographs, artefacts and memorabilia, including a reconstruction of a 1940's pilot's bedroom. The Centre not only tells the history of the airfield but gives visitors a chance to look into the stories of the men and women who served there, as well as lived in the local area.





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