

DISCOVER SCOTLAND'S CASTLE TRAIL



Q Balmoral Castle



Q Craigievar Castle, near Alford

You will not be able to visit this region without seeing a castle – there are more per acre in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire than anywhere else in the UK.

Scotland's only Castle Trail takes in 19 of the world's most magnificent castles – so follow the distinctive white-on-brown Castle Trail signs and find our striking clifftop ruins, grand fortresses and lovely stately homes.

It's amazing how well-preserved Crathes Castle is. A few miles from Banchory, the whole family will love this fairy tale castle with tower, and its beautiful walled garden with ancient yew hedges. Plus, it's got a Go Ape! treetop adventure course in the grounds.

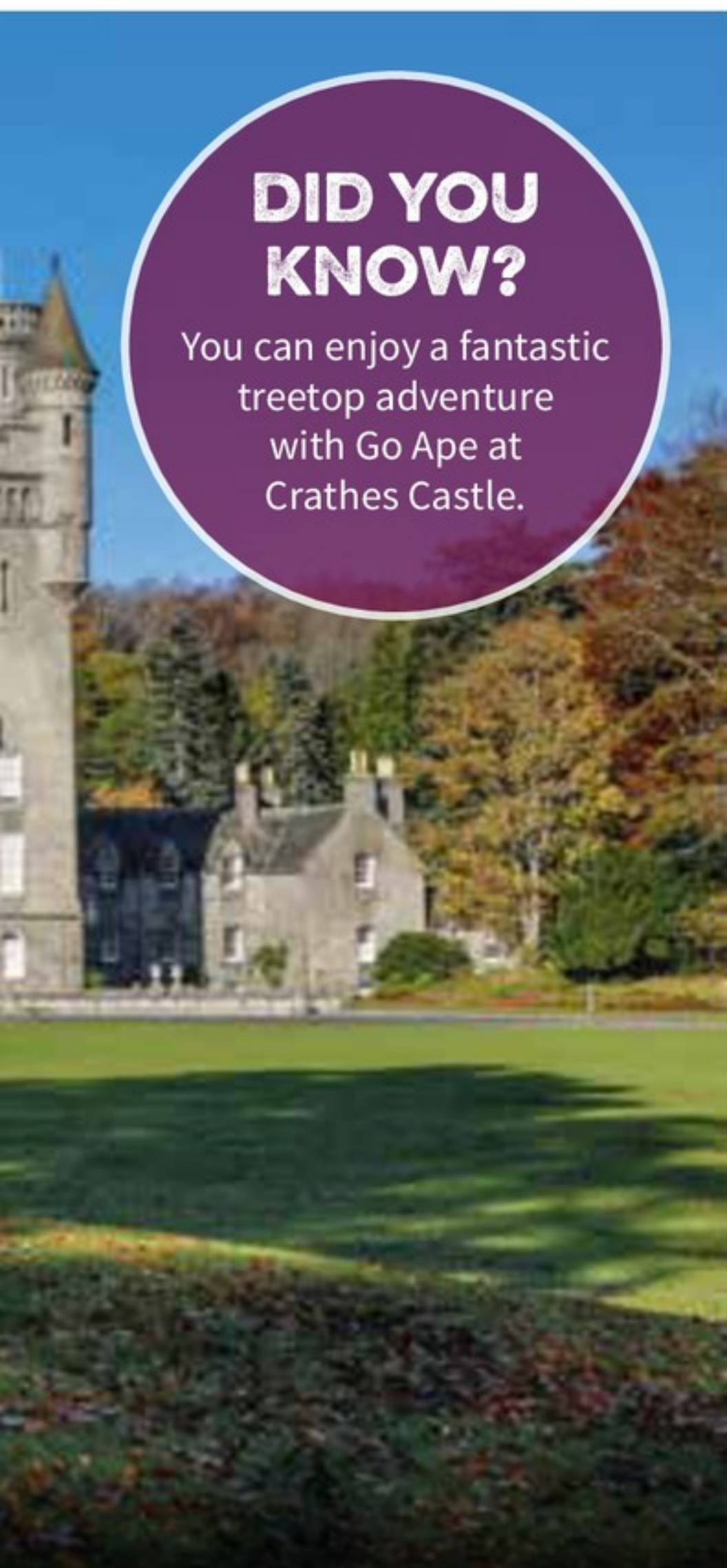
Duff House is stunning, inside and out. Designed by William Adam, this house in Banff is one of Scotland's finest architectural masterpieces.

Inside there is work on display from the National Galleries of Scotland, and regular events and touring exhibitions.

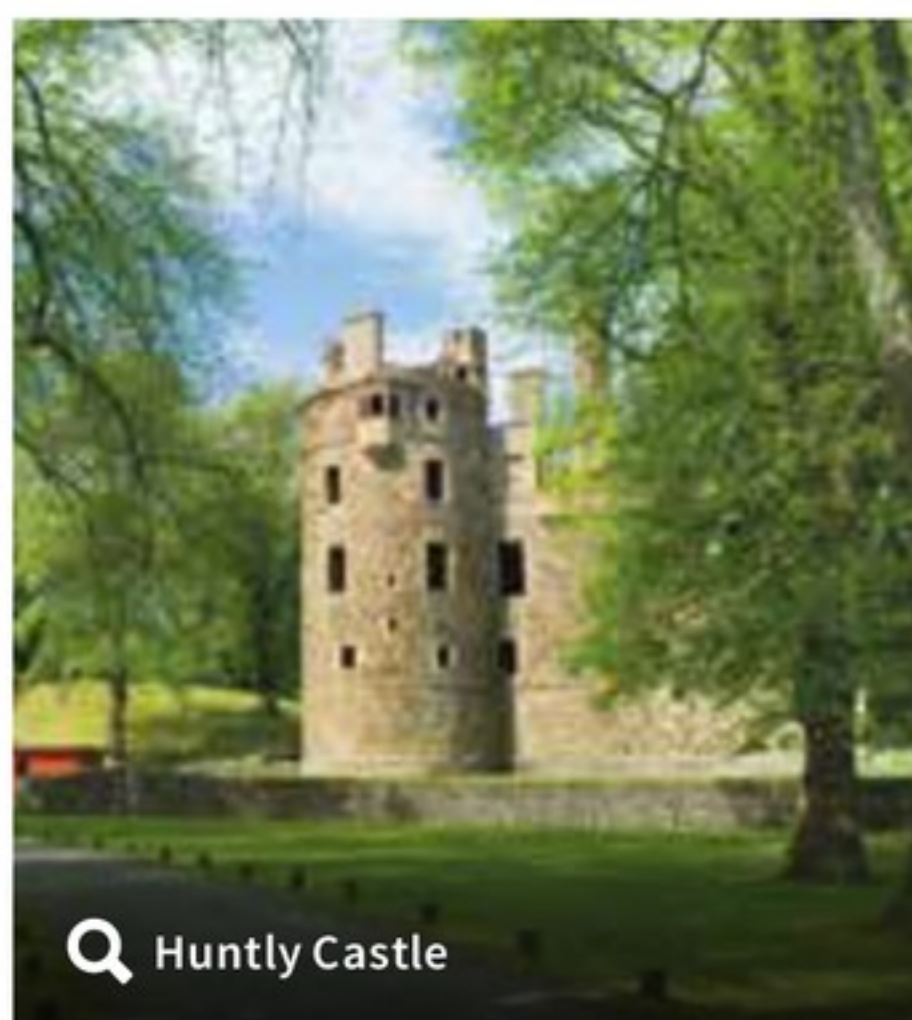
Stand and look out from the battlements of Drum Castle and you'll be able to see any enemies hiding for miles. Dating back to the 13th century, this is the oldest intact building in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can enjoy a fantastic treetop adventure with Go Ape at Crathes Castle.



Q Braemar Castle



Q Huntly Castle

It's no wonder Haddo House feels homely – it was the home of the Gordon family for over 400 years. Discover their story over the centuries in the house and grounds, with beautiful interiors, terraced gardens with rose beds and fountains, and a period tearoom.

Craigievar Castle is straight out of a storybook. It's also a fine example of Scottish baronial architecture.

History, sculptures and landscape combine to make Huntly Castle pretty impressive. It sheltered Robert the Bruce in the 14th century, sits next to the Bogie and Deveron rivers, and is home to heraldic sculptures and stone friezes.

Castle Fraser is a baronial castle from the 15th century, complete with an impressive Great Hall, period furniture and classic paintings. Explore the secluded walled garden, take a woodland walk and visit the tearoom, or take the kids to the adventure playground to see and climb the bamboo snake walk and giant xylophone.

For tales of Jacobites, ghosts and the Farquharson clan, take a tour of Braemar Castle, Scotland's only community-run castle.

Plan your trip around Scotland's Castle Trail at www.visitscotland.com/castletrail

HIGHLIGHTS

Balmoral Castle, fit for a queen and nestled in stunning Royal Deeside.

Tolquhon Castle, with its ornate gatehouse and Great Hall.

Corgarff Castle, which has reconstructed barrack rooms.

Kildrummy Castle, once the stronghold of the Earls of Mar.

Kinnaird Head Castle, which has been a castle, a lighthouse and is now a museum.



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Q Duff House, Banff