

With a history of fishing, Cullen is probably best known for the local delicacy of Cullen Skink - a delicious fish soup of smoked haddock, potatoes, onions and milk. Over the years, it has proved a popular delight with visitors. Cullen Skink's continuing success was further ensured in 2006 when the term was added to the Oxford Dictionary. And not to be missed is a visit to the Cullen Ice Cream Shop to savour the "best ice cream in Scotland".

A Leisure Trails leaflet is available giving detailed directions for nine walks in the area. Cullen is also an ideal base for exploring to the east along the Banffshire Coast, to the west along the Moray Coast, or inland along Speyside. The area offers something for everyone - whether you are a lover of nature, history and heritage, art and culture, water sports, wildlife and fishing, or more active pursuits like golfing, walking and cycling. The eight distilleries on the Malt Whisky Trail are within easy driving distance of the coast, and there are over 30 golf courses within one hour's drive of Cullen.



For more information on Cullen as well as What's On, Things to See and Do and Walks, please visit us at

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Cullen

THE GEM OF
THE MORAY FIRTH

A warm welcome awaits whether you are visiting for the first time or are an old friend returning to Cullen.

The picturesque town of Cullen is located in a beautiful part of the country; the Moray Firth coastline was described as one of the World's Top 18 Coastline Destinations in a National Geographic Traveller Magazine survey. Cullen also enjoys a unique micro-climate all of its own and some of the finest weather in the country.

Whether on business or pleasure, we can cater for you. Upon arriving at the main square in Cullen, you will be within easy reach of an array of shops and cafes. The town also boasts a wide range of B & Bs, Guest Houses and Hotels to suit all tastes and budgets. Search a little deeper however and you will begin to find the hidden treasures in and around Cullen.

Cullen enjoys a rich history - with links to Robert the Bruce, the Findlater and Seafield families and Thomas Telford (who designed and built the harbour). The Railway Viaducts dating from 1886 never cease to amaze, but sadly the railway line fell victim to Dr. Beeching's swingeing cuts in the 1960s. Now, they provide a popular walking and cycling route from which to savour the stunning vistas. The quaint houses of Seatown lie directly below and provide an insight into a bygone era of the "silver darlings". Beyond lie the fertile lands of Seafield Estate which have been in production for generations supplying the whisky industry with some of the finest barley for malting.

The "singing sands" of Cullen are a perfect day out for young and old, and were awarded an EU Flag in 2003 for clean bathing water. The unique and much-photographed rock strata "The Three Kings" are to be found on the beach to the front of Cullen

Golf Club. The Golf Course dating from 1870 has one of the most remarkable sites for a course in Europe - the first nine holes designed by Old Tom Morris running along the cliffs and the back nine playing at beach level; it has been described in "Golf Monthly" as "a course like no other ... the epitome of quirky." The course offers a challenging yet enjoyable game to golfers of all handicaps.

To the other end of Cullen lies the Harbour which now offers a home to pleasure craft, but was originally a working harbour for the Cullen fisher folk. To the east is the Pet Cemetery which is the pride and joy of a local man who has raised thousands of pounds for local charities. Follow the coastal path east and you will find the Giant Steps which were hand built by Tony Hetherington; a cairn erected in his memory can be found close to the Steps. Venture even further east and you will find beautiful Sunnyside Beach and historic Findlater Castle.

Cullen boasts regular sightings of porpoises, dolphins and minke whales. It is also one of the best places in Scotland to see the Aurora Borealis.

To the south of Cullen lies the Auld Kirk. This historic building holds a long and distinguished past. Robert the Bruce, whose wife, Queen Elizabeth de Burgh, died in Cullen, had his wife's entrails buried in the church. Even to this day, the Minister of the Kirk is paid an annual stipend to pray for her soul.

