

# Things To See and Do in Inverness



## Leahey's Bookshop

Leahey's Bookshop, Scotland's largest second-hand bookshop, is a must-visit for book lovers. Housed in a converted 18th-century Gaelic church in Inverness, it holds over 100,000 books, maps, and prints. With its spiral staircase, stained glass windows, and cosy wood-burning stove, the shop offers a charming and unique atmosphere.

## Uile-Bheist Brewery & Distillery

Uile-bheist Distillery and Brewery is the city's first distillery in over a century. Named after the Gaelic word for "monster," it combines Scotland's myths with innovative whisky and beer production. Powered sustainably by the River Ness, it's one of the country's lowest carbon distilleries. Visitors can enjoy tours exploring the craft of whisky and beer making.

## Eden Court

Eden Court, on the River Ness, is Scotland's largest arts organisation. Featuring theatres, cinemas, studios, and galleries, live performances, films, and community programmes.

## Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

Explore the history, art, and culture of the Highlands at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery on Castle Wynd. This free-entry museum features Jacobite memorabilia, Highland weapons, Inverness silverware and bagpipes. Discover exhibits on archaeology, natural history, and geography, alongside artworks by Scottish artists. With permanent and temporary displays celebrating Highland heritage, it's a must-visit.

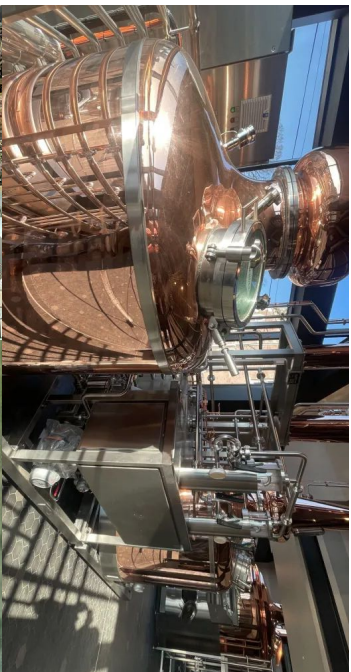
## Inverness Castle

Inverness Castle, built in 1836 on an 11th-century fortress site, now hosts the Inverness Castle Experience. This attraction celebrates the Highlands through interactive exhibits, storytelling, and sensory displays. Explore gardens, discover Highland stories in the South Tower, and enjoy the Ceilidh Rooms, showcasing local music, food, and culture. With views over the River Ness, a café, and a gift shop, it's a gateway to the Highlands' rich heritage.



## Public Transport in Inverness

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## Cawdor Castle

Cawdor Castle, a 14th-century fortress built by the Thanes of Cawdor, features a medieval tower, moat, drawbridge, and vaulted kitchen. Home to the Cawdor family for over 23 generations, it houses rare tapestries, fine art, and artefacts. While linked to Shakespeare's Macbeth, this connection is fictional.

## Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle

Discover Loch Ness, a 37-kilometre freshwater loch, just 30 minutes from Inverness. Famous as the home of the mythical "Nessie," it offers stunning scenery and rich history. Explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle, perched above the loch. Once one of Scotland's largest castles, it played a pivotal role in battles and power struggles spanning 500 years.

## Dolphin Watching

Just north of Inverness, over the Kessock Bridge lies the village of North Kessock. The shoreline offers excellent dolphin spotting opportunities over the Beauty Firth.

## Culloden Battlefield & Visitor Centre

Culloden Battlefield marks the site of Britain's last pitched battle, fought on 16 April 1746 during the final Jacobite Rising. Explore the award-winning visitor centre with immersive battle displays, rare artefacts, and interactive exhibits. Walk the atmospheric battlefield, visit the restored Leanach Cottage, and enjoy panoramic views. A visit to Culloden offers a powerful insight into one of Britain's most tragic historical events.

## Brodie Castle

Brodie Castle is a grand 16th-century Scottish tower house with exquisite interiors, rare antiques and a world-class art collection. Surrounded by serene parkland and landscaped gardens, it offers a timeless escape into aristocratic elegance and history.

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