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Visit Moray Speyside are delighted to showcase the best of the region's Winter events through our brand-new Winter Festival Programme.

Our region has a wide offering of events suitable for all during your winter adventure. Come to Moray Speyside to see everything from Light Festivals to Fireworks, Celebrate Scottish history with St Andrew's day and Burn's Night and don't forget our beautiful Christmas markets, the options are endless and compliment our wide range of accommodation.

We look forward to welcoming you, this Winter season, to Moray Speyside. We hope you enjoy all the Winter Festival has to offer.

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### **GETTING HERE**

Moray Speyside is situated in the North of Scotland, between the Highlands, Aberdeenshire and the Cairngorms National Park.

The region has great transport links; including regular rail and convenient bus services and is within easy reach of both Inverness and Aberdeen Airports.





### **NOVEMBER**

### Thursday 2nd

- Brodie Illuminated - Brodie Castle - Numerous Times (Runs until November 25th)

### Friday 3rd

- Jill Jackson (Music) - Universal Hall, Findhorn - 7:30PM

### Saturday 4th

- Model Railway Club Model Fair Elgin Town Hall 10AM
- Fun Fungi Felting Workshop Moray Art Centre, Findhorn 10:30AM
- Untutored Life: Drawing Session Moray Art Centre, Findhorn
- 2PM (Runs every Saturday until the 16th of December)
- Greg Chapman's Magic of the Dinosaurs Longmore Community Hall, Keith - 6PM
- Bonfire and Fireworks Cooper Park, Elgin 6:30PM
- Bonfire and Fireworks Grant Park, Forres 6:30PM

### Sunday 5th

- Model Railway Club Model Fair Elgin Town Hall 10AM
- -Wildlife Sculpture Workshop with Scott Gleed -Moray Art Centre - 10:30AM
- Photography Walk with Gary Murison Logie Steading 1PM
- Crochet Beginners Workshop Altyre Estate, Forres 10AM

### Thursday 9th

- Desert Island Flicks - Portgordon Village Hall - 7:30PM

### Saturday 11th

- The Dava Way 50KM Forres and Grantown-On-Spey 7:30AM
- Gin School Gordon Castle 10:30AM (Event runs until 16th December)
- Community Christmas Carols and Light Switch On -Criagellachie Village - 6PM
- Manchester revisited, live performances from The Complete Stone Roses, Definitely Oasis & Frankly, The Smiths - Elgin Town Hall - 8PM
- The Greatest Showman Sing-Along Forres Town Hall 6:30PM
- Dark Skies and Storm Nights The Cabrach 6PM
- Come Party For A Good Cause Fisherman's Hall, Buckie 7PM

### Monday 13th

- Moray Speyside Restaurant Week - Throughout Moray -Multiple Times



### Thursday 16th

- Kris Drever - Universal Hall, Findhorn - 7:30PM

### Friday 17th

- Dreamboys Elgin Town Hall 8PM
- Peatbog Faeries (Music) Universal Hall, Findhorn 7:30PM
- An Evening With The Dram Queen Altyre Estate, Forres - 7PM

### Saturday 18th

- Craig Hill (Comedy) Elgin Town Hall 7:30PM
- Buckie Christmas Kracker & Light Switch On Cluny Square, Buckie - 10AM
- Michael Kilkie (Music) Purple Nightclub, Buckie 10PM

### Sunday 19th

- Lost In Music - Elgin Town Hall - 7:30PM

### Wednesday 22nd

- Macmillan Christmas Wreath Making - Glenlivet Public Hall - 10:30AM

### Friday 24th

- MRO Disco Buckpool Golf Club 7:30PM
- Tales from the Fire: Storytellers Carol Scorer, Peter Vallance and Margot Henderson - Universal Hall, Findhorn - 7PM
- Community Christmas Carols and Lights Craigellachie Village 6PM

### Saturday 25th

- Farmer's Market The Plainstones, Elgin 10AM
- Elgin BID Christmas Light Switch On Elgin 10AM
- Christmas Mini-Market Logie Steading 10AM
- Mum's Day Christmas Market The New Elgin Hall 10AM
- Coffee and Craft Morning Longmore Community Hall, Keith - 10AM
- McDougalls Big Christmas Show Elgin Town Hall 11AM
- Free Lego Treasure Hunt Longmore Community Hall, Keith - All Day (Event runs until the 15th of December)
- Bingo-Loco Fisherman's Hall, Buckie 6PM
- A Night To Die For Seafield Arms, Cullen 7:30PM

### Sunday 26th

- Chunky Knit Christmas Wreath making workshop with Sophie Hale - Moray Art Centre, Findhorn - 10.30AM



### Tuesday 28th

- Macmillan Christmas Wreath Making - Glenlivet Public Hall - 10:30AM

### Wednesday 29th

- Boo Hewerdine & Heidi Talbot (Music) - Universal Hall, Findhorn - 7:30PM

### Thursday 30th

- Artisan Craft Fayre & Late Night Christmas Shopping WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre, Spey Bay - 2PM
- Cullen Christmas Lights Switch On The Square, Cullen 5PM
- Shop Till You Drop Charity Evening Mackenzie & Cruickshank - 5:30PM

NOVEMBER CONTINUED

### **DECEMBER**

### Friday 1st

- Moray Markets Lossiemouth Town Hall 10AM
- St. Andrews Ceilidh Longmore Community Hall, Keith - 7:30PM
- Bublé by Candlelight Elgin Town Hall 7:30PM

### Saturday 2nd

- Santa Experience Byres Farm, Fochabers 9AM
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshops Byres Farm, Fochabers - 10AM
- Moray Markets Lossiemouth Town Hall 10AM
- Christmas Mini-Market Logie Steading 10AM
- Santa at Brodie Castle Brodie 10AM (Event runs until the 23rd of December)
- Christmas Craft Fayre Cullen Community Centre 11AM
- Folklore Stories in The Old Smiddy Lower Cabrach 6PM
- Film Forres Presents Two Festive Favourites Forres Tolbooth - 6:30PM
- The Upbeat Beatles 2023 Elgin Town Hall 7:30PM
- Keith and Dufftown Railway Santa Specials Keith -Various Times (Event runs until the 17th of December)

### Sunday 3rd

- Santa Experience Byres Farm, Fochabers 9AM
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshops Byres Farm, Fochabers - 10AM



NOVEMBER CONTINUED

- Photography Walk with Gary Murison Logie Steading 1PM
- Christmas Bauble felting with Lesley Mitchell Moray Art Centre, Findhorn - 10:30AM

### Thursday 7th

- Macmillan Christmas Wreath Making Glenlivet Public Hall - 7PM
- A Candlelit Christmas Evening Glenlivet Public Hall, Ballindalloch - 7:30PM

### Friday 8th

- Moray Markets - Fochabers Public Institute - 4PM

### Saturday 9th

- Santa Experience Byres Farm, Fochabers 9AM
- Moray Markets Fochabers Public Institute 10AM
- Christmas Mini-Market Logie Steading 10AM
- Reindeer Rescue Kula Coffee Hut, Duffus Castle 10AM

### Sunday 10th

- Santa Experience Byres Farm, Fochabers 9AM
- Reindeer Rescue Kula Coffee Hut, Duffus Castle 10AM
- Penguin Felting with Lesley Mitchell Moray Art Centre, Findhorn - 10:30AM

### Saturday 16th

- Elgin BID Farmer's Market The Plainstones, Elgin 10AM
- Arm Knit A Throw with Sophie Hale Moray Art Centre, Findhorn - 10:30AM

### Sunday 17th

- Christmas Country With The Stars Elgin Town Hall 7:30PM
- John Rafferty (Music) Royal British Legion, Keith 4PM

### Tuesday 19th

- Paula O'Brien (Music) - Stotfield Hotel, Lossiemouth - 8:30PM

### Thursday 21st

- Christmas Past, Present & Future - Elgin Town Hall - 7PM

### Friday 22nd

- Christmas Past, Present & Future - Elgin Town Hall - 7PM

### Saturday 23rd

- Christmas Past, Present & Future - Elgin Town Hall - 1PM & 4PM

DECEMBER CONTINUED



-Red Hot Chilli Pipers - Elgin Town Hall - 3PM

### Sunday 31st

- MacTa and Piper Ryan Anderson - Elgin Town Hall - 8PM

DECEMBER CONTINUED

### **JANUARY**

### Monday 1st

- Outfit Moray's Winter Challenge - Online Event - Runs through the whole of January.

### Thursday 11th

- The Burning of The Clavie - Doorie Hill, Burghead - 5PM

### Sunday 14th

- The Legends of American Country Show 2024 -Elgin Town Hall - 7:30PM
- Cocktails in the Cartshed Byres Farm, Fochabers 7PM

### Friday 19th

- Sweet Caroline, A Tribute to Neil Diamond - Elgin Town Hall - 6:30PM

### Sunday 21st

- Clan Brick Walk, Cancer Charity Event - Elgin Town Hall - 12PM

### Thursday 25th

- Burns Supper and Bothy Ballads Inverharroch Farm, Cabrach - 6PM
- Other Robbie Burns Night Events will be running through until the weekend of the 29th and 30th. Check local venues closer to the date for information.

'Some hae meat and canna eat, And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit.'

- Selkirk Grace, Robbie Burns

### Friday 26th

- Family Film Night - Forres Town Hall - 6PM



Experience a different way of seeing Brodie Castle and the surrounding estate during a magical light show this November.

The event is organised by The National Trust of Scotland and is fun for all the family with a food van, shopping and much more.

There is a new theme and route for 2023! Follow Brodie Castle on social media to find out more details on the event.

Brodie Illuminated 2023 runs over four evenings each week (Wednesday to Saturday) from Thursday 2nd November until Saturday 25th November.

Wrap up cosy and bring your friends and family along to Brodie this November for a colourful and captivating evening.

Challenge yourself for one of the Moray Way Ultra events this November.

The Dava Way is the perfect race to transition from marathons to ultras, or if you are a seasoned ultrarunner looking for a quick 50km.

The route predominantly follows the old Highland Railway line, which means an off road yet runnable trail.





4TH NOVEMBER ELGIN FIREWORKS



Dreamboys are ready to give you a night of fun, fantasy and no holding back with their brand new "No Strings Attached" UK tour!

Join the Dream boys in Elgin Town Hall on 17th of November for a fun-filled night.

Elgin and Forres Fireworks take place on Saturday November 4th and are set to dazzle and amaze! Get ready for two breathtaking shows that will transform the night into a canvas of enchanting lights in Moray Speyside.

Gather your loved ones, cozy up, and witness the sky come alive in Grant Park (Forres) Cooper Park (Elgin) for a symphony of colors and patterns. It's an experience you won't want to miss!

## RESTAURANT WEEK

Welcome to Moray Speyside's very first Restaurant Week! Running from Monday 13th to Sunday 19th of November, this exciting event gives you the opportunity to sample some of the finest food and drink our region has to offer.



### **THREAPLANDS**

Buy any meal from the Main men enjoy a second course from the pudding menu for just £1.



Pro Fish







### FOUNTAIN

THE CAFE

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### LOWER MILL

free glass bottle with every purchase of milk or a milkshake AND buy one tray of eggs and get one tray freel

### HOTEL 1881

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An appartunity to explore Hearth's A tte destination dining venue with the Ho ourse dinner experience at £45 per per



### BADENOCH'S

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### THE DELI

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Head to tasteofmorayspeyside.com to see the full details and more.

### MORAY SPEYSIDE

RESTAURANT WEEK

COCKTAILS IN THE **CARTSHED** 

14/01/94 - 7PM-10PM

Join Byres Farm for a captivating cocktail class where vou'll learn the intricate craft of creating exauisite ain and whisky cocktails

Savor delectable canapés that perfectly complement your drinks as you're auided by the expert hand of Iill Brown from Avva Gin.

Tickets Cost £40 Per Person.



CLAN BRICK WALK

21/01/24 - 12PM-2PM

Attend a superhero workshop, take part in a board break and some exercises to find your inner superhero, before taking on the lego brick walk.

50 spaces available

### Craigellachie Village Council

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & LIGHT SWITCH ON

94/11/9093 - 6PM-11PM

Join Craigellachie Village council for the town's first ever light switch on.

This will be an opportunity for all the community to come together to hear the local children singing and meet friends and neighbours.



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MACMILLAN **CHRISTMAS** WREATHE MAKING

22/11/2023 - 10:30AM-1PM 28/11/2023 - 10:30AM-1PM 7/12/2023 - 7PM-9:30PM

Annual wreath making event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research is back in Glenlivet now with more spaces to accomodate everyone. Refreshments will be provided with more details to follow. Bring vour own bottle to the evening session.



### THE GREATEST SHOWMAN SING-ALONG

11/11/2023 - 6:30PM FORRES TOWN HALL

### **FESTIVE FILM NIGHT AT THE TOLBOOTH**

9/19/9093 - 6:30PM FORRES TOWN HALL

JANUARY FILM NIGHT 26/1/2024 - 6PM FORRES TOWN HALL

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE **AND CRAFT**

25/11/2023 - 10AM LONGMORE COMMUNITY HALL

### FREE LEGO TREASURE HUNT

25/11/2023 - 15/12/2023 **LONGMORE COMMUNITY HALL** 

### ST. ANDREWS CEILIDH

1/12/2023 - 7:30PM **LONGMORE COMMUNITY HALL** 



### THE CABRACH TRUST

### DARK SKIES AND STORM NIGHTS

11/11/2023 - 6PM CABRACH DISCOVERY TRAIL

### **FOLKLORE STORIES IN THE OLD SMIDDY**

2/12/2023 - 6PM **OLD SMIDDY** 

### **BURNS SUPPER AND BOTHY BALLADS**

25/1/2023 - 6PM THE CABRACH TRUST INVERHARROCH FARM

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Celebrating 21 years of touring the world, bagpipes with attitude and drums with a Scottish accent. This blazing rock band has a show so hot it should carry its own health warning!

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers were voted Scotland's 'Live Act of the Year in 2007 and 2010 at the Scots Trad Music Awards.

So don't miss out and join them in Elgin Town Hall this year.



Do you love a penguin? The very first thing Lesley ever needlefelted were penguins, so they hold a very special place in her heart.

Join her for her last workshop of 2023 and learn to create the perkiest of penguins.





Bublé by candlelight comes to Elgin Town Hall on it's 2023 winter tour across the UK featuring the UK's best Michael Bublé tribute and 10 piece band.

This is the perfect night out for any Bublé fan!

Tickets cost £25 Per Person.





A feel-good Christmas show of singalong carols and popular songs at Glenlivet Public Hall.

A chance for you to enjoy the Christmas experience in your own community, with words on screen, live music, fun and laughter.

Tickets cost between £7 - £10



Back by popular demand the Christmas Country with the Stars show returns for another night of festive toe-tapping magic with 4 of Irelands top stars all on one super show at Elgin Town Hall.

Doors open at 6:30PM and tickets cost £25 Per Person.



An exhilarating festive show bursting with live music, dance, circus, acro and dazzling showmanship. High energy, pure talent available to you in Elgin Town Hall. Book your tickets to see some of Scotland's finest performers.

The event is on Thurs, Fri and Saturday with a second matinee performance.



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS 26TH NOVEMBER 30TH NOVEMBER THIS NAMED THIS NAME



BUCKIE CHRISTMAS KRACKER AND LIGHT SWITCH ON 10AM - 5PM

Join the Buckie community for their annual Christmas Kracker! It's a festive fun filled day out for all the family before the evening entertainment of the switching on of the Christmas lights!



CHUNKY KNIT CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WITH SOPHIE HALE - 10:30AM -1:30PM

Come along, cosy up with a cup of tea and a good chat, leave with a smile and create something to be proud of. Cost of event is £35 which included all materials included in the workshop.



ARTISAN CRAFT FAYRE & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING 2PM - 7PM

Artisian Craft Fayre & Late Night Christmas Shopping at the WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre. Avoid the hustle & bustle and enjoy some very relaxed Christmas shopping!



SANTA EXPERIENCE AT BYRES FARM 9AM - 3PM

A Santa experience designed to provide you with a fun family day out creating magical memories (and some great photo opportunities!).



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS AT BYRES FARM - 10AM - 12PM

Wild Blossom presents a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. Spend a couple of enjoyable hours getting creative.





SHOP TILL YOU DROP CHARITY EVENING 5:30PM - 9PM

Come along to Mackenzie and Cruickshank and drop in for Christmas night of shopping to support local charities. Don't miss your complimentary glass of bubbly and cake on arrival.



SANTA AT BRODIE CASTLE 10AM - 4PM

Father Christmas is taking time out of his busy festive schedule to come to Brodie Castle and meet you! Enjoy a cosy chat in the beautiful library and receive a gift from Santa.

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite.



KEITH AND DUFFTOWN RAILWAY: SANTA SPECIALS - VARIOUS TIMES

This year 2023, the Santa Specials will run over the three weekends. Join Santa and his elfs on a special train journey.



CHRISTMAS BAUBLE FELTING WITH LESLEY MITCHELL - 10.30AM - 4.30PM

Take some time out for yourself during the busy festive period and spend a day needle felting.



SANTA EXPERIENCE AT BYRES FARM 9AM - 3PM

A Santa experience designed to provide you with a fun family day out creating magical memories (and some great photo opportunities!).



REINDEER RESCUE AT KULA COFFEE HUT - 10AM - 3:30PM

Santa's (wooden) reindeer have escaped and are hiding in Duffus Castle. Come and help find them in time for Christmas.

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# CHRISTMAS



ELGIN BID FARMERS MARKET AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH

ON - 10AM - 5PM

Start your christmas shoppina right at Elgin's Christmas Market, pick up a bite and join Lynda Whytewitch for a Ghost Tour before the town centre lights are switched on.



### NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET 10AM - 4PM

Located just 6 miles outside Forres in the beautiful Findhorn Valley, Logie Steading is already home to a number of artisan makers and retailers. However, for these special festive markets, the Steading will welcome a whole host of other crafters.



### **25TH NOVEMBER**

MUM'S DAY CHRISTMAS MARKET - 10AM - 2PM

Get your Christmas shopping done while the wee ones have fun on the soft play! There will be a variety of stalls from local sellers offering new and pre-loved items perfect for Christmas gifts!



10AM - 4PM

The last of 3 christmas mini markets at Logie Steading. Make sure you don't miss out as a trip to Logie Steading is the perfect way to support small local businesses at Christmas.



**ELGIN BID FARMERS** MARKET - 10AM - 5PM

Pick up a bargain at Elgin's Christmas Farmer Market, pick up something tasty from one of the many vendors and join Lynda Whytewitch for a spooky Ghost Tour.



MORAY SPORTS CENTRE 10AM - 3PM

Moray Markets last market of the season is a must-visit with stalls, face painting, festive music, hot drinks and santa's grotto.



### **DECEMBER**

MORAY MARKETS AT LOSSIEMOUTH TOWN HALL - 4PM - 8PM & 10AM - 9PM

Moray Markets will be hosting 5 different markets this season with 3 across Moray. The first Moray based one will be held in Lossiemouth.



CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET 10AM - 4PM

The second of 3 christmas mini markets at Logie Steading with exhibitors attending from across the Northeast of Scotland. Get yourself a unique piece and meet the amazing people who make them.



### **DECEMBER**

MORAY MARKETS AT FOCHABERS PUBLIC INSTITUTE - 4PM - 8PM & 10AM - 2PM

Moray Markets returns to Focahabers of the 8th and 9th of December. Come along and help raise funds for the community.





Why 11th January? This is the date of the Burning of the Clavie, a fire festival unique to Burghead, which greets the New Year. The significance of the 11th January dates back to the 1750's, when the Julian calendar was reformed in Britain.

Therefore, every 11th January the flaming Clavie (a barrel full of staves) is carried round the town followed by a large crowd. The final destination of the Clavie is on the Doorie Hill.

### 25TH JANUARY ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

Burns night is a celebration of the life of Scotland's national bard, Robbie Burns. Celebration suppers happen worldwide on or near the poet's birthday, on the 25th of January.

Various Robert Burns events will be on in Moray Speyside from Tuesday 25th until the weekend of 29th and 30th January. Check with local venues near the date for more details.

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GORDON CASTLE

### WALLED GARDEN

HISTORIC HOUSES GARDEN OF THE YEAR

ONE OF BRITAIN'S OLDEST & LARGEST WORKING KITCHEN GARDENS



If you're looking for a magical day out in North-East Scotland, visit Gordon Castle Walled Garden. Our café practices a plant, pick, plate ethos serving home-grown produce in many of our dishes.

Booking is advised - www.gordoncastle.co.uk/cafe.

Our natural play-area has been designed to encourage children to begin exploring and understanding their natural environment from a young age. Let your child's imagination run free as they learn about the diversity of nature. Inspired by beauty at every turn, our beautiful Walled Garden has ignited the creation of our luxury brand, Gordon Castle Scotland. Browse a range of over 300 products in our shop, most of which contain flowers, herbs and vegetables from our garden. From fragranced bath & body, to award-winning gin, jams and homemade honey.



### ADMISSION

April to October- Adult £9.00 November to March- Adult- £4.50 Concession (60 or over) - £7.00 Concession (60 or over) - £3.50 Children (over 2 yrs) - £4.50 Children (over 2 yrs) - £2.50

Friend's of The Walled Garden Annual Membership Card - £38.00

Please check our website for seasonal opening times for The Walled Garden, Café, Shop and Children's play-area.

### EVENTS



Christmas Afternoon Tea & seasonal Afternoon Tea All year round



Gordon Castle Gin School All year round



Wreath Making Workshop Other seasonal workshops all year round

Gordon Castle Walled Garden, Fochabers, Moray, Scotland, IV32 7PQ.



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