

# Arts & Culture

## 3 Day Itinerary



**DALRIADA**

LUXURY HOLIDAY LODGES  
STONEHAVEN, SCOTLAND



### Day 1 - Aberdeen Uncovered: Art, Architecture & Urban Stories

Kickstart your stay with a short spin west to P&J Live — Aberdeen's cutting-edge events campus powered by renewable energy and built to impress. From live gigs to global expos, it's the kind of place where anything could be happening, so check the listings before you go.

🎨 Next stop? The effortlessly cool Aberdeen Art Gallery. Inside its stone-and-glass façade you'll find world-class photography, sculpture, and textiles — from Scottish icons to international disruptors. The rooftop terrace offers sweeping views and is a hidden gem for coffee and contemplation.

🚶 Then hit the streets with the self-guided Nuart Aberdeen trail. This city-wide exhibition leaves behind vibrant murals, thought-provoking sculptures, and tiny surprises tucked into alleyways and walls. It's street art with soul — download the map and see how many pieces you can spot.

🎫 Wind down with a performance at His Majesty's Theatre — whether it's a glittering West End musical or a behind-the-scenes tour, this granite-fronted icon brings drama to life in all the best ways.

P&J Live



Nuart Aberdeen



His Majesty's Theatre





## Day 2 - Royal Deeside: Living Galleries & Creative Hideaways

Head inland to the rolling hills and curated charm of Royal Deeside, starting in Braemar at the spectacular Fife Arms Hotel — part luxury lodge, part living gallery. With over 14,000 works from Picasso to contemporary commissions, even the Steinway piano in reception is art. It's quirky, lavish, and endlessly Instagrammable.



The Fife Arms Hotel

🚗 Continue your cultural cruise to Alford for the Grampian Transport Museum. This isn't just about cars — it's time travel on wheels. From 1800s chariots to electric prototypes and a Junior Driving School, there's something for every age (plus a lovely tea room for a snack break).

🖼️ For tucked-away treasures, pop into Larks Gallery in Ballater, home to locally crafted contemporary art, or explore Milton Art Gallery in Banchory — a riverside haven of sculpture, ceramics, glass, and bronzes in constantly evolving collections.



Grampian Transport Museum

🌿 Between gallery stops, soak up the countryside views — this is Scotland at its soulful best.



Junior Driving School





## Day 3 - Designs, Comics & Coastlines: A Day in Dundee

Head south to Dundee, Scotland's quietly buzzing design capital. First up: V&A Dundee, a waterfront masterpiece of architectural elegance and design innovation. Free entry and rotating exhibitions mean there's always something new — and the exterior alone is pure photo gold.

🎬 Next, wander into Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA) for an edgy blend of visual art and indie film. Their galleries always surprise, and the cinema often screens blockbusters with a creative twist. A stylish café and shop round out the experience.

😊 Then take a joyride into nostalgia on the DC Thomson Comic Trail. Bash Street becomes reality with statues of Dennis the Menace, Desperate Dan, and Minnie the Minx offering prime selfie opportunities in the heart of town.

🏞️ On the scenic drive back via the coastal A92, stop in Arbroath for the Heritage Trail. Discover the haunting beauty of Arbroath Abbey, the charming Signal Tower Museum, and the legendary Bell Rock Lighthouse — the world's oldest sea-washed beacon.

🌅 Return to Dalriada in time to watch the sunset paint the sea, with a camera roll full of culture and a head full of stories.

