

Doors Open Days Làithean Fosgailte

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Introduction **Ro-ràdh**

Doors Open Days is Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days and is a joint initiative between the Council of Europe and the European Union. It aims to give people the opportunity to explore some of the country's most interesting buildings, many of which are not normally accessible to the public. The event is nationally co-ordinated by the Scottish Civic Trust and is supported by Historic Scotland.

Within Highland, Doors Open Day is locally co-ordinated by The Highland Council and Inverness City Heritage Trust. Events take place on weekends in September allowing free access to participating buildings with the aim of encouraging people to enjoy a wide range of buildings, both old and modern in the Highlands.

Admission to all participating buildings is free of charge on the day. For further information about Doors Open Day 2009 see: The Highland Council website www.highland.gov.uk and for national events visit: www.doorsopenday.org.uk

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FOR DETAILED LOCATION MAPS VISIT www.highland.gov.uk

BBC Scotland, Inverness

7 Culduthel Road, Inverness IV2 4AD
Tel: 01463 720720



Inverness: 5th September 2009

BBC Scotland is opening its doors on Saturday, 5 September for people to view the recent upgrading of its studios in Inverness. The Grade 'B' Listed, two-storey Georgian townhouse (built circa 1830) was refurbished last year to provide additional office space, a news room and ALBA TV studio. Access to the building is by guided tour only and places must be pre-booked. Access to studios will be granted, broadcast requirements permitting, but cannot be guaranteed. If you have mobility requirements please discuss these with us at time of booking. For further information, please telephone 01463 720720.

Opening Time

10.00 - 13.00



Centre for Health Science

Old Perth Road, Inverness IV2 3JH



Inverness: 5th September 2009

Completed at the end of 2008, the Centre for Health Science is a £24m purpose built, multi-user facility located adjacent to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness. One of the first of its kind in the UK, the centre is a focus for expertise in healthcare and biotechnology. The inspiring design of the building facilitates interaction and synergy among its occupants and a prominent feature is the open, internal "street" which looks onto a central courtyard through glass panels. As well as incorporating state-of-the-art facilities (including a dental, phantom-heads room, training ward with life-sized mannequins and a clinical research facility) this public building also incorporates an ambitious programme of contemporary art.

Opening Time

10.00 - 16.00

Tours:

10.30, 12.30, 14.30



Exhibition and guided tours - leaflet available. Refreshments available.

Eden Court Theatre

Bishop's Road, Inverness IV3 55A



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

One of Inverness' landmark buildings, the award-winning Eden Court complex combines 19th century grandeur with 20th and 21st century sophistication. Eden Court consists of two theatres, two cinemas, dance studios and the beautiful Bishop's Palace. There is also a restaurant, bars, roof terrace and garden. Come and see what goes on inside one of the UK's largest arts centres.

- Limited parking available
- Bar and restaurant open all day
- Guided tours available but pre-booking is necessary by contacting 01463 234234
- Disabled access and toilets and assistance for people with sight/hearing difficulties

Free North Church

Bank Street, Inverness IV1 1QA



Opening Times

13.00 - 15.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

The Free North Church which was designed by Alexander Ross, and opened on 7th June 1893 in Gothic style with the tallest spire in Inverness at 170 feet. Whilst it is typical of the Presbyterian plain style, it surpasses most others in size and in the boldness and elegance of its detail. North Church congregation split from East Church (Church of Scotland) and joined the Free Church of Scotland at the 1843 Disruption. The interior, which can seat 1300, has been restored with stencil work on the barrel ceiling. As usual in the Free Church of Scotland, there is no organ, but there is a box below the pulpit for the Precentor who leads the singing.

Jim Savage - Lowden Observatory

Culloden Moor IV2 5EU



Opening Times

13.00 - 16.00



Culloden 5th September 2009

At the S.E. corner of Culloden Battlefield car-park, Highland Astronomical Society's JSL Observatory was opened on the Summer Solstice 2008. With its rotating dome housing a 14" telescope and control room with disabled facilities, the charity provides superb viewing for all ages on clear dark nights. The winter evening observing programme begins on September 19th - for more information visit www.spacegazer.com

Guided tours - refreshments available at nearby visitor centre.

Maggie's Highland

Raigmore Hospital, Inverness IV2 3UJ



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

Opened in March 2005, bringing dedicated cancer information and support to the Highlands for the first time, this imaginatively designed centre, by award winning architects Page/Park, offers information and emotional support in a warm and uplifting environment. The centre is for patients, families and friends to find out about living with and beyond the disease. The centre has won many design awards including a RIBA Award, Scottish Design Award and an International Architecture Award.

Inverness Methodist Church

Huntly Street, Inverness IV3 5HS



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

The Inverness Methodist Church is a glass-fronted building with a distinctive bell tower dating from 1965. It has a plain interior with stained glass windows, including one commemorating a visit by John Wesley in 1764. The attractive building was erected on the Inverness riverside, replacing a former building in Union Street which had originally been a music hall and which had been destroyed by fire on 7th December 1961. The church is unusual in Methodism in that some of the ministers have stayed for long periods. The ministries of the Reverend John Reid (1930 - 1955) and the Reverend Derek Sutcliffe (1976 - 1999) have been particularly notable.

An exhibition of nativity sets, showing a diverse range, will be located in the church.

Ness Bank Church

Ness Bank, Inverness IV2 4SF



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

The church was built and opened in 1901 on a steeply sloping site to a design by William Mackintosh. The style is early Gothic revival with walls of Tarradale stone. The congregation which was founded in 1787, belonged to the United Free Church which united with the Church of Scotland in 1929. Configuration of the site led to halls being built below the Sanctuary. Inside, there are some notable stained glass works.

- Guided tours, information leaflet and organ music
- Refreshments available
- Paid parking on Ness Bank

Old High Church

111 Church Street, IV1 1EY



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

It is believed that there has been a church on this site since the 12th century. The present building dates from the late 18th century though it is thought that the building contains remnants of earlier structures. A church site since Celtic times, St Columba of Iona is said to have preached here at 'St Michael's mound'. Current building is mostly 18th century with 19th century additions, with part of the tower 14th century. Curfew is still rung from the clock tower at 20.00 every night. Used as a prison after The Battle of Culloden (1746) with prisoners said to have been executed in the graveyard. Inside you can see the King James' 1st Edition Bible of 1611, a field communion set used by the legendary "Tartan Pimpernel" during the Second World War, a Willis organ, a chancel of Iona marble, and monuments to Inverness worthies. It is still the venue of the annual 'Kirking of the Council' when the Provost and councillors process from the Town House for worship.

- Organ music at various times throughout the day
- Guided tours at 11.00 and 16.00

Inverness Sheriff Court

The Castle, Inverness IV2 3EG



Opening Times
Tours strictly at 11.30,
12.30, 14.00, 15.00
(No entry between tours)



Inverness: 5th September 2009

Standing on the site of the Medieval Castle of Inverness, the Sheriff Court is by Edinburgh architect William Burn and dates from 1833-5. Inside, the central stair rises under a panelled vaulted ceiling. Original furnishings include a Tudor Gothic canopy over the bench in Court No.1

- Assistance for visitors with hearing difficulties

St Andrew's Cathedral

15 Ardross Street, Inverness IV3 5NS



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00

Inverness: 5th September 2009

Alexander Ross (1834-1925) of Inverness was the architect for St Andrew's Cathedral (1866-69), the first new Cathedral to be completed in Britain since the Reformation. Founded by Bishop Eden, whose palace became the Eden Court Theatre nearby, and consecrated in 1874 this Gothic Revival building enjoys a fine riverside location and with its distinctive twin towers is a significant Inverness landmark. Look out for the horse and wheel in the transept window which serve as a memorial to the horse that was killed by a falling stone during the construction of the building.

- Information leaflet available in several languages
- Tea, coffee and snacks in Old Boy's School

St Stephen's Church

Southside Road, Inverness IV2 4XA



Opening Times

10.30 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

Carefully detailed Arts and Crafts Gothic by W.L. Carruthers, 1895-97, the church has a high open interior under a braced collar roof. The stained glass is of note. The three-light west window depicts the Martyrdom of St Stephen and is by A. Ballantine & Son, 1905; in the south wall, a Prophet also by A. Ballantine & Son, 1901; and in the north wall, a portrait of the Very Reverend Norman MacLeod, 1911 while the two-light window in the north transept is of the Marys at the tomb and is by A. Ballantine & Son, 1906. The chancel lights are of strongly coloured glass, 1895. The organ is by Wadsworth & Bros, 1902 and the pulpit is of locally grown oak. The church organ was substantially renovated in 2000 by A. Edmonstone.

- Guided tour and information leaflet available
- Organ music at 11.30 and 14.30 and short talks at 11.00 and 14.00

Trinity Church

Huntly Place, Inverness IV3 6HA



Opening Times
10.00 - 13.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

As the Parish Church for Merkinch, Trinity Church of Scotland was originally the West Free Church designed by James Matthews and William Lawrie in 1863.

The former St Mark's congregation established as a mission station in 1861, merged with the Queen Street Church, whose former building now houses a funeral directors also on the riverside, to form Trinity.

- Refreshments available
- Guided tours and leaflet

UHI Executive Office

Ness Walk, Inverness IV3 5SQ



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

The building opened as an infirmary in 1799 designed to help the poorest members of society. In 1930 the expanded hospital became the Royal Northern Infirmary. In 2003 UHI, the prospective university of the Highlands and Islands, bought the building, where UHI staff work in the former wards and the original "lunatic cells" contain one of the most sophisticated video conference suites in Scotland.

Guided tours throughout the day.

Wardlaw Mausoleum

Wardlaw Road, Kirkhill IV5 7NB



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 5th September 2009

Originally the burial place of the Lovat Frasers, the Lovat Mausoleum, Wardlaw was erected in 1634 on the site of the medieval Kirkhill Parish Church onto whose east gable the mausoleum was added. Built by William Ross, notable features include buckle quoins at the east corner below the belfry which is dated 1722. It was renovated by locally formed Wardlaw Mausoleum Trust with funding from Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund in 1998 when a fine quatrefoil window was exposed in the west gable, which is thought to have been dedicated by Euphemia Fraser in 1341.

Inverness Town House

High Street / Castle Street, Inverness IV1 1JJ



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



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Inverness: 12th September 2009

This Victorian Gothic style building was designed by architects James Matthews and William Lawrie, following a competition to replace the previous Town House on this site. It was built between 1878-1881 and opened in 1882. The interior contains fine paintings, portraits and busts. The Council Chamber was the scene of an historic meeting of the British Cabinet in September 1921.

Daviot Church

Daviot, Inverness-shire IV2



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00



Inverness: 12th September 2009

A landmark on the A9, 5 miles south of Inverness, with its distinctive cockerel weather vane, Daviot Church was built in 1826 and restored in 1991. However, there has been a place of worship on the site since early times, long before the Church of Daviot was granted its charter in the 13th Century. The surrounding graveyard tells of the changing history of this interesting parish.

Guided tours and refreshments available.

Edderton Old Parish Church

Edderton, Sutherland IV19



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00



Edderton: 12th September 2009

Edderton Old Parish Church, built in its present external form in 1743 is quite unique in being little changed both internally and externally since 1794. Recently re-appraised by Historic Scotland as "A-listed" of national or international importance. Within the graveyard stands the Edderton Cross Slab dating from the 8th and 9th Century. Also on display is the Edderton Ark - a portable prefabricated pulpit used in the remoter areas of the Highland in the 19th Century.

Guided tours - information booklets available.

Dunbeath Heritage Centre

Old School, Dunbeath KW6 6ED



Caithness: 12th September 2009

Located in the Old School, Dunbeath Heritage Centre is an open door to the rich past of a Caithness Strath and the landscape of Neil Gunn's "Highland River" and "Silver Darlings". Information is available on local history, as well as an exhibition about the "Wag of Forse", art installations and a bookshop. Accredited museum.

Dunbeath Heritage Centre Photograph by Paul Basu.

Opening Time

10.00 - 16.00



Cromarty Courthouse Museum

Church Street IV11 8XA



Cromarty: 19th September 2009

Built at the expense of George Ross of Pitkerrie and Cromarty in 1782, the former courthouse is now a museum in which the first floor courtroom contains furnishings of 1844. There are cells on the ground floor with further cells and an exercise yard to the rear built by Thomas Brown Junior in 1844.

- Parking on street or Links car park
- Limited disabled access - staff happy to assist
- Toilet on first floor
- Tea / coffee machine

Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Cromarty Primary School

Cromarty IV11 8XR



Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Cromarty: 19th September 2009

Cromarty Primary School is a Gothic style red and yellow sandstone primary school by Andrew Maitland and Sons 1875-76 with additions of 1890 and 1904 by the same architects. Classrooms are open with work by local school children.

- Assisted wheelchair access to main building and a classroom hut
- Refreshments
- Parking on street or Links car park

Cromarty East Church

Church Street IV11 8XA



Opening Times

11.00 - 15.00



Cromarty: 19th September 2009

Based on a medieval core, the East Church is a fine example of a post-Reformation Church, and retains many features reflecting the building's development from this period onwards. It is owned by the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust which is undertaking a 3 year restoration programme. Kirkyard open. Interior access may be via tours depending on building works

- Parking on street or Links car park
- Disabled access possible - staff happy to assist
- Community / education officer for visitors with sight / hearing difficulties

Cromarty House

Cromarty IV11 8XS



Opening Times

Guided tours at 11.00,
12.00, 14.00 and 15.00

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Cromarty: 19th September 2009

An imposing Georgian mansion, built for George Ross of Pitkerrie soon after he acquired the Cromarty Estate in 1772 and restored by the Nightingale family since the 1960's. The architect is unknown although Ross had close links with the Adam Brothers who visited Cromarty and produced unexecuted designs for a new parish church in the town. The fine u-shaped Stables, restored by the Cromarty Arts Trust, will also be open.

Cromarty House - The Stables

Cromarty IV15 8XS



Opening Time

10.00 - 16.00

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Cromarty: 19th September 2009

Lying to the South East of Cromarty House are Cromarty House Stables of 1772. After lying derelict for many years, there were restored and are now used as artwork studios. The Magnificent plaster vaulted ceiling is especially noteworthy.

Glachbeg Croft Centre, Allanglach Wood, North Kessock

IVI 3XD



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00



North Kessock: 19th September 2009

A small farm aiming to provide a variety of education and training opportunities with farming, countryside and the environment as contexts for learning. A simple building of Douglas fir, built using principles of sustainable construction. Post and beam framed, turf roof.

- Guided tour of croft and environmental games
- Unassisted wheelchair access is available to the croft and its surroundings
- Refreshments available

Inchindown Oil Storage Tanks

Near Ardross



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00

By Ardross: 19th September 2009

A rare chance to explore the tunnels constructed to ensure a constant supply of oil to Invergordon during World War II. Pre-booked, free guided visits all day.

Further details available on:
www.forestheritagescotland.com

Photograph courtesy of Mike Ross / www.corestore.org

Lodge Seaforth, Fortrose

Station Square IV10 8WA



Fortrose: 19th September 2009

Lodge Seaforth was raised in 1897 and first met in what is now the Anderson Hotel. It moved two years later to the Old Academy building in Seaforth Place, remained there until 1943 when it took occupancy of the Chapter House in the Fortrose Cathedral. The Lodge used the Chapter House until 21st September 1973 when it moved into its current home.

Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



- Exhibition
- Guided tour
- Refreshments available

Macdonald Memorial Tower, Dingwall

IV15 9HL



Dingwall: 19th September 2009

The Macdonald Memorial by architect, James Sandford Kay, Glasgow and dated 1907 is a tall Scottish Baronial tower erected to the memory of Hector Macdonald, the son of a Black Isle crofter and a much respected man who had a brilliant and distinguished career. This imposing monument built by public subscription and situated on Mitchell Hill offers the visitor magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Mitchell Hill was named after John Mitchell, who was appointed Provost of Dingwall in 1870. Parking at Mitchell Hill Burial Ground.

Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Redhouse Studios, Tain

Tower Street IV19 1DY



Tain: 19th September 2009

Seeming to have 'escaped from the seaside', this building was built around 1900 as offices for local architectural firm Andrew Maitland and Sons. For some time used as offices by the Procurator Fiscal, they have been faithfully restored and are once again in use by an architectural firm.

Redhouse Studios
Photographs by Future Plans

Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



St Clement's Parish Church

Tulloch Street, Dingwall IV15 9SB



Dingwall: 19th September 2009

By George Burn of Haddington, St Clement's Parish Church dates from 1799-1803 and sits in its graveyard which contains a burial enclosure which is the roofless remainer of the former parish church of St Clement's Aisle of 1510. The present church has a platform pulpit with a Jacobean sounding board.

Opening Times

10.00 - 16.00



Strathpeffer Upper Pump Room

Strathpeffer IV14 9DL



Pump Room
Opening Times
10.00 - 17.00

Ⓟ WC

Strathpeffer 19th September 2009

The Upper Pump Room was begun in 1860, and was later extended in 1890 and again in 1901 when the interior was covered with green and white tiles and a fireplace installed. After lying derelict for several years, it was acquired by the Council and restored funded by the Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and The Highland Council. It now functions as a visitor centre, where water from the sulphur wells can still be sampled. Includes information video (11 minutes).

- Refreshments in Red Poppy, in the Pavilion, at Maya Chocolate Shop or at Old Station Coffee Shop
- Parking in the Square
- Toilets in the Square

Tain Picture House (old Town Hall)

Tower Street IV19 1DY



Opening Times
10.00 - 16.00

Tain: 19th September 2009

The French Renaissance style former Town Hall by Andrew Maitland and Sons, 1874-76 was converted for use as a Picture House/Cinema in the 1920s. The building features painted portraits on the walls and has interesting panelling. Tain Heritage Trust, a local charitable group, set up to restore old community buildings in Tain have secured funding to carry out essential repairs to make the former Town Hall wind and water tight. The group are now working on raising the major capital funding to enable the building to be restored to its former glory.

Old Town Hall Photographs by Thomas Munro and Co

Inverness Cityscape Quiz

Ceisteachan Cruth-baile Inbhir Nis

Look up as you wander around the city streets and you'll discover more of the city's amazing architecture...see if you can spot these features, all located in the main city streets (answers at the bottom of the page):

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Answers: 1. Corner of Queensgate and Academy Street; 2. Corner of High Street and Inglis Street; 3. Former Bank of Scotland, now Smith and Jones Pub, High Street; 4. Victorian Market; 5. Dunbar's Hospital, Church Street; 6. Corner of Queensgate and Academy Street; 7. 96 Academy Street; 8. Inverness Town House (Castle Street); 9. 49 Church Street

Inverness City Heritage Trust is an independent organisation that seeks to promote Inverness's cultural heritage and historic environment. For more information visit www.heritage-inverness.org



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