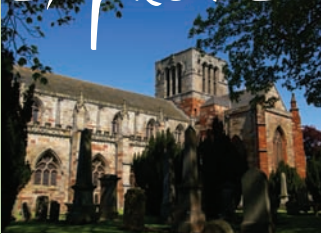


Glorious gardens and heritage

Majestic historic houses, inspiring gardens and Scotland's largest parish church. A fascinating tour for those with an interest in art, architecture, history and gardening.

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A grand church and a country house

St Mary's Parish Church is located in the county town of Haddington. This impressive 14th century church is the largest parish church in Scotland. After your visit, enjoy a stroll along the River Tyne and through the historic, well-preserved market town.

Lennoxlove House dates to the 14th century and contains treasures from the Hamilton Palace Collection as well as the death mask of Mary, Queen of Scots, her silver casket and sapphire ring. The house sits in a 460 acre walled estate.

The world's largest herbaceous border

Dirleton Castle is a fine example of a medieval fortification and is in the beautiful village of the same name. Within its walls are colourful gardens including the world's largest herbaceous border.

National Trust for Scotland

Musselburgh is the location for two National Trust for Scotland attractions. **Inveresk Lodge Garden** is a must see for keen gardeners. Set on a hillside the stunning displays feature herbaceous borders, unusual plants, old roses and shrubs. **Newhailes** is a dignified 17th century home. It features much of the original decorative scheme including Chinese hand painted wallpaper, painted woodwork and furniture.

Main attractions	St Mary's Parish Church, Lennoxlove House, Dirleton Castle, Inveresk Lodge Gardens and Newhailes House.
Location	Haddington, Dirleton and Musselburgh.
Duration	One to three days.
Accessibility	Easy/moderate.
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.
Coach parking	Free parking at St Mary's Parish Church, Lennoxlove, Inveresk Lodge Gardens and Newhailes House. Dirleton Castle: coach drop-off.
Special rates for coach and tour groups?	St Mary's Church: donations welcomed. Dirleton Castle: yes. Inveresk Lodge Gardens: yes and driver/guide concessions. Newhailes House: yes and driver/guide concessions.
Booking	Advance booking is recommended. Contact each attraction direct for the best group offer available.
Contact	<p>St Mary's Parish Church Rena Ramsay T: 01620 824494 E: groupvisits@stmaryskirk.com www.stmaryskirk.com</p> <p>Lennoxlove House Ken Buchanan T: 01620 828614 E: ken-buchanan@lennoxlove.com www.lennoxlove.com</p> <p>Inveresk Lodge Gardens and Newhailes House Anne Edwards T: 0844 493 2104 E: traveltrade@nts.org.uk www.nts.org.uk</p> <p>Dirleton Castle Andrew Spratt T: 01620 850330 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</p>

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Mighty castles and beautiful coast

Easily combining a wealth of formidable castles and beautiful coastline: a scenic tour focussing on history, architecture and the environment.

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Dirleton

Dirleton Castle is a fine example of a fortified medieval residence in the beautiful village of Dirleton. Within its walls are colourful gardens with a blend of traditional formal and more contemporary plantings including the world's largest herbaceous border.

North Berwick

A short, scenic drive along the coast brings you to **North Berwick** and the **Scottish Seabird Centre**. In this five-star attraction you can observe seabirds and marine mammals in their natural habitat. You can also take a thrilling boat trip to the iconic **Bass Rock**.

Just along the coast from North Berwick is mighty **Tantallon Castle** atop the cliffs on the Firth of Forth with stunning views of the Bass Rock. Tantallon was the seat of the Douglases; one of the most powerful families in Scotland.

Main attractions	Dirleton Castle, The Scottish Seabird Centre and Tantallon Castle.	
Location	Dirleton and North Berwick.	
Duration	One to one-and-a-half days.	
Accessibility	Easy/moderate. No wheelchair access to Tantallon Castle but grounds accessible.	
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.	
Coach parking	Free parking at Tantallon Castle. Scottish Seabird Centre and Dirleton Castle: coach drop-off.	
Special rates for coach and tour groups	Dirleton Castle: special rates. Scottish Seabird Centre: special rates and driver/guide concessions. Tantallon Castle: special rates.	
Bookings	Advance booking is recommended. Contact each attraction direct for the best group offer available.	
Contacts	Dirleton Castle	Andrew Spratt T: 01620 850330 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
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	Tantallon Castle	Ian Milne T: 01620 892727 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

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Free coach parking with great facilities and attractions for all group sizes at East Links Family Park. Brewery tours, scenic harbour, romantic ruins, and the story of renowned naturalist John Muir.

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John Muir

Born in Dunbar in 1838, John Muir emigrated to the USA where he became famous as environmentalist, geologist, botanist and world renowned as the father of America's national parks. Find out more about this remarkable man in the house where he was born. Make time for a walk in **John Muir Country Park** or along a section of the John Muir Way to enjoy the magnificent coastline and wildlife.

Dunbar Harbour

Mary, Queen of Scots is the most famous of all Scottish Monarchs. Born in 1542, her short life is a story of love, betrayal and murder. East Lothian has many connections with Mary. Abducted and taken to **Dunbar Castle**, she was forced to marry Lord Bothwell in 1567. You can see the Castle's ruins at the picturesque **harbour**.

Between February and August you can watch the kittiwake colony nesting on the cliffs and seals bobbing amongst the boats.

Belhaven Brewery

As well as gaining a sense of history at this site where there is evidence of brewing dating back to at least the 16th century, visitors learn how fine Belhaven beers are brewed and packaged. Tours end with a visit to **The Monks Retreat**, the in-house bar, for a sampling session.

East Links Family Park

With its narrow gauge railway train safari, farm animals, small animal handling shed, adventure activities and excellent facilities it makes a great place for coach groups as well as family outings. On your visit to Dunbar, East Links Family Park is a great stopping point for morning coffee, afternoon tea or lunch.

Main attractions	Belhaven Brewery, John Muir's Birthplace, Dunbar Harbour and East Links Family Park - a great coach stop.	
Location	One day.	
Duration	Dunbar.	
Accessibility	Easy.	
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.	
Coach parking	East Links Family Park: free coach parking. Belhaven Brewery: free parking (for mini buses, maximum tour number 14 - not suitable for children). John Muir's Birthplace: free parking at the nearby leisure centre.	
Special rates for coach and tour groups	John Muir's Birthplace: free. East Links Family Park: special rates with driver/guide concessions. Belhaven Brewery: concession rates available.	
Bookings	Advance booking is recommended. It is required for Belhaven Brewery. Contact each attraction direct for the best group offer available.	
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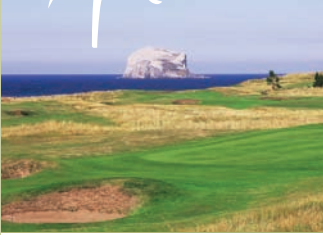
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Swing into action!

Our 22 courses include some of the world's finest golfing links. Groups will have the chance to enjoy a special golf-themed museum tour and lunch along what is affectionately known as 'The Golf Coast.'

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East Lothian has 22 top quality golf courses within a relatively small area. Just 30 minutes from Edinburgh, on a spectacular coastline, are many world-renowned championship links such as Muirfield, North Berwick, Gullane and Dunbar. In addition to the famous names there are courses to match everyone's ability and budget. Test your skills on some of the best courses at the home of golf. Rental equipment is available at each course; even golf shoes, balls, tees etc can be ordered in advance!

For a unique golfing experience you can hire original Hickory clubs at Musselburgh Links - The Old Golf Course, and the world's oldest playing course.

Great 'Stay and Play' golf passes are available at some clubs. Stay with a selected accommodation provider and take advantage of a 2,3 or 5 round golf pass.



Main attractions	Top quality golf and beautiful locations.
Location	Throughout East Lothian.
Duration	From one day on.
Accessibility	The easiest access on a top quality course is Dunbar, Gullane No.2 and Craighelaw.
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.
Coach parking	Yes.
Special rates for coach and tour groups	Varies depending on the course.
Bookings	Pre-booking of tee times and rental clubs is advised with each course. To book a 'Stay and Play' package visit www.golfeastlothian.com . An additional feature at Gullane Golf Club is a privately owned Golf Museum which can be opened by prior appointment if playing golf at the Club. To book a round of golf at Gullane Golf Club contact Advance Bookings on email: bookings@gullanegolfclub.com T: 01620 843769.
Contacts	www.golfeastlothian.com

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East Lothian boasts connections to many Great Scots from Mary, Queen of Scots to John Muir, the Saltire to Whisky: this tour focuses on heritage, architecture, whisky and the environment.

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John Muir

Born in Dunbar in 1838 and later moving to the USA, the remarkable John Muir became renowned as environmentalist, geologist, botanist and father of America's national parks. Enjoy magnificent coastline and wildlife at **John Muir Country Park** or the **John Muir Way** and visit the house where he was born.

Mary, Queen of Scots

One of the most famous of all Scottish monarchs. Born in 1542, her short life is a story of love, betrayal and murder. Abducted and taken to **Dunbar Castle** she was forced to marry in 1567. See the castle's ruins at Dunbar Harbour. A short trip along the coast brings you to **Tantallon Castle** where Mary stayed in 1566. This formidable stronghold has magnificent views to the Firth of Forth and Bass Rock.

Further inland is **Lennoxlove House**. This 14th century house was home of William Maitland, Mary's Secretary of State. Mary stayed here and its collection includes her death mask.

The Saltire

En route to Lennoxlove we pass Athelstaneford, birthplace of the Saltire, Scotland's National Flag. Visit the **Flag Heritage Centre** and Saltire Memorial and watch a dramatisation of the battle of 832AD.

Whisky

A well-earned dram is on offer at the home of the last Great Scot on our tour! The five-star **Glenkinchie Distillery** is famous for 'The Edinburgh Malt'. Here you can see a working distillery, exhibition of whisky and of course taste Scotland's national drink.

Main attractions	John Muir's Birthplace, Tantallon Castle, The Flag Heritage Centre, Lennoxlove House and Glenkinchie Distillery.
Location	Dunbar, North Berwick, Athelstaneford, Haddington and Pencaitland.
Duration	One to three days.
Accessibility	Easy/moderate. No wheelchair access to Tantallon Castle but the grounds are accessible.
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.
Coach parking	Free parking at Tantallon Castle, Lennoxlove House, The Flag Heritage Centre and Glenkinchie Distillery. John Muir's Birthplace: free parking at the nearby leisure centre.
Special rates for coach and tour groups	John Muir's Birthplace and The Flag Heritage Centre: free. Tantallon Castle: special rates. Lennoxlove House and Glenkinchie Distillery: special rates with driver/guide concessions.
Bookings	Advance booking is recommended. Contact each attraction direct for the best group offer available.
Contacts	<p>John Muir's Birthplace: Jo Moulin www.jmbt.org.uk T: 01368 865899/861951 E: jmoulin@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> <p>Tantallon Castle Ian Milne T: 01620 892727 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk</p> <p>The Flag Heritage Centre David Williamson T: 01368 863239 E: isobelknox@aol.com http://scottishflagtrust.com</p> <p>Glenkinchie Distillery Rhona Paisley T: 01875 342004 E: rhona.paisley@diageo.com www.discovering-distilleries.com</p> <p>Lennoxlove House Ken Buchanan T: 01620 828614 E: ken-buchanan@lennoxlove.com www.lennoxlove.com</p>

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East Lothian has plenty to offer young and old with an interest in flight - in all its forms! An aviation adventure focussing on wildlife and innovation.

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Take Flight

The **National Museum of Flight** is a protected First and Second World War airfield near North Berwick. It is home to the supersonic airliner Concorde and you can discover its story from the race to break the sound barrier to its arrival in East Lothian. Be part of the 'jet-set' with the restored Boeing 707 in the Jet Age exhibition and refurbished Second World War Parachute Store. Other highlights include a Vulcan bomber, a Spitfire fighter and a Phantom jet.

Marine Life

The five-star **Scottish Seabird Centre** in North Berwick offers a great chance to observe nesting seabirds and marine mammals in their natural habitat. As well as great interactive exhibits, you can take a thrilling boat trip to the iconic **Bass Rock** and watch seals and dolphins as you approach the largest island gannet colony in the world.

North Berwick is just a short scenic drive from East Fortune. Stop off en route at Merryhatton Garden Centre for refreshments.

Main attractions	The National Museum of Flight, The Scottish Seabird Centre.	
Location	North Berwick, East Fortune.	
Duration	One to two days.	
Accessibility	Easy/moderate.	
Shopping & refreshments	Yes.	
Coach parking	The National Museum of Flight and Merryhatton Garden Centre: free parking. Scottish Seabird Centre: Coach drop-off.	
Special rates for coach and tour groups	Special rates with driver/guide concessions at the National Museum of Flight, Scottish Seabird Centre and Merryhatton Garden Centre.	
Bookings	Advance booking is recommended. Contact each attraction direct for the best group offer available.	
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