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DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

Dunnottar Castle is a dramatic and evocative ruined fortress located in a truly stunning cliff top setting

As you wander around the extensive buildings you will discover an impregnable castle that holds many rich secrets of Scotland's colourful past, helping to bring history alive

The Castle was the home of the Earls Marischal, once one of the most powerful families in the land

William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots, the Marquis of Montrose and the future King Charles II all graced the castle with their presence

Most famously, it was at Dunnottar Castle where a small garrison held out against the might of Oliver Cromwell's army for eight months and saved the Scottish Crown Jewels, the 'Honours of Scotland', from destruction

A darker chapter in the history of Dunnottar is the gruesome story of the imprisonment of 167 Covenanters in the 'Whig's Vault' in 1685 following their refusal to acknowledge the King's supremacy in spiritual matters

The last Earl Marischal was convicted of treason for his part in the Jacobite rising of 1715 and as a result his estates, including the Castle, were seized by the Government

The buildings were much neglected until 1925, when the 1st Viscountess Cowdray embarked on a systematic repair of the Castle and it was officially opened to visitors thereafter, steadily becoming one of Scotland's must-see tourist attractions



Please take care when walking round the Castle as there are slopes, steep steps and uneven floors - we recommend that suitable footwear is worn while visiting

For your safety please do not venture off paths and areas of mown grass

Dunnottar Castle is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and we ask that you help us to continue to preserve it by not climbing on the buildings and walls

Dogs
Please keep all
dogs on a lead

Toilets
Toilets for paying visitors
are situated in the Castle

Disabled Access
We regret that due to the steep access path,
the Castle may be unsuitable for disabled visitors

Litter
Please dispose of litter in
the bins provided at car park

Please download our free mobile app from your relevant app store (wi-fi available at Castle kiosk)



Le château de Dunnottar est l'une des ruines les plus magnifiques et les plus évocatrices de toute l'Écosse. C'est ici que William Wallace mit le feu à une chapelle remplie de soldats anglais. C'est aussi à Dunnottar, l'endroit le plus sûr du royaume, que les bijoux de la couronne écossaise furent conservés jusqu'à ce qu'un transport clandestinement organisé les emmenât à l'écart de Cromwell. C'est enfin ici que 167 personnes furent emprisonnées dans des conditions terribles pour avoir refusé d'accepter leur loi.

Parcourez ces lieux qui font revivre le passé. Observez les étonnantes murailles qui résistèrent en lisière du rocher et profitez d'un spectacle extraordinaire de cette forteresse jadis imprenable.



Il castello di Dunnottar è uno dei ruderi più splendidi e indimenticabili della Scozia. Fu qui che William Wallace diede fuoco ad una cappella gremita di soldati inglesi. A Dunnottar, allora il luogo più sicuro del regno, vennero conservati i gioielli della corona di Scozia, e in seguito fatti uscire di nascosto nel tempo buio dell'occupazione di Oliver Cromwell. Fu qui che 167 persone vennero imprigionate in spaventose condizioni per essersi rifiutate di accettare la propria sottomissione.

Errare nelle stanze in cui rivive la storia. Ammirare gli scoscesi muretti nel dirupo sono il castello e lo spettacolo straordinario che circonda tutt'ora quella che un tempo fu una forterezza impareggiabile.



El acanto del castillo de Dunnottar constituye una de las ruinas más impresionantes y evocadoras de Escocia. Aquí es donde William Wallace le prendió fuego a una capilla repleta de soldados ingleses. En Dunnottar, la fortaleza más segura del reino, se guardaron los joyas de la Corona escocesa para luego sacarlas clandestinamente en los días oscuros de la ocupación de Cromwell. En otro episodio de la historia de la fortaleza, se encarceló a 167 personas en condiciones inhumanas por negarse a aceptar su ley.

Rocorea las salas y vea como cobra vida la historia. Contemple los muros marciales a los pies del castillo y disfrute de todo el dramatismo de lo que fue, en su día, fortaleza impenable.



Dunnottar Castle ist eine der imposantesten und faszinierendsten Ruinen Schottlands. Hier setzte William Wallace eine Kapelle voller englischer Soldaten in Brand. Weil Dunnottar der sicherste Ort des Reiches war, wurden die schottischen Kronjuwelen hier aufbewahrt, während der Wintern der Besatzung durch Cromwell. Dann jedoch heimlich entführte 167 Menschen waren hier eingeprägt, weil sie sich weigerten, ihre Religion abzuschwören.

Schließen Sie durch Räume, die die Geschichte zum Leben erwecken. Blicken Sie auf die Seeschilder herab und lassen Sie die noch heute spürbare übergeschichtete Dramatik dieser einst unbewunderten Festung auf sich wirken.

Udflugt til Dunnottar Castle



Dunnottar Castle





Udsigt fra Dunnottar Castle



Dunnottar Castle



Dunnottar Castle, vagttårnet

A photograph taken from inside a stone building, looking out through a large window composed of twelve smaller rectangular panes arranged in a 4x3 grid. The stone wall on the left is dark and textured, with some horizontal lines suggesting a different masonry pattern. The view through the windows shows a coastal landscape. The top row of windows shows a clear blue sky. The second row shows a green cliff edge overlooking a body of water. The third row shows a wide expanse of blue water with white foam from waves breaking on a rocky shore. The bottom row shows a rocky, moss-covered cliff face. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

Dunnottar Castle









Dunnottar Castle udsigtspost



Dunnottar Castle



Dunnottar Castle, trappen op 189 trin



Udsigt ved Dunnottar Castle

War Memorial

Our memorial to the fallen of both world wars. Designed by a local architect and built with sandstone from the local harbour quarry.



Golf Course

Play a round on our 18 hole golf course, overlooking the bay and the ruins of St Mary of the Storms.

Woodland Walks

Wander along our beautiful woodland paths in Dunnotar Woods and admire the historic features... Lady Kennedy's bath, The Shell Hoosie and Gallowhill.



Beach Boardwalk

Take a stroll along the beach boardwalk and admire the decorative sculptures. Build sand castles on our award winning beach. Paddle, swim and watch the dolphins and herons.

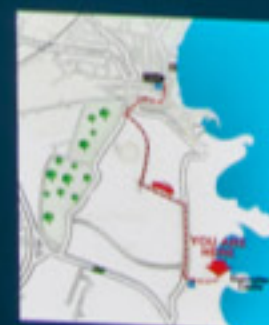
Visit Stonehaven

the coastal gem



Stonehaven Harbour

Visit the Tolbooth museum and see many objects from our local history.



Stroll around our picturesque harbour. Relax in one of the bars and restaurants and watch the yachts or fish from the pier.



The Thomson Memorial Rally

The annual vintage car rally in memory of R. W. Thomson, the inventor of the pneumatic tyre.



Market Square

The location of many local activities including the Feen' Market, Farmers Market and Continental Market.



Highland Games

The Stonehaven Highland Games typically take place annually in July.



Olympic Sized Swimming Pool

Enjoy the experience of an open air swim. Visit our unique, Olympic sized, heated, Art Deco pool.

Lille fiskerby, Stovehaven



Stonehaven







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Forstad til Aberdeen, Footdeen











Aberdeen hovedgaden







Kahytten på MV Hjaltsland



Shetland, på vej til St. Ninians Isle



St. Ninians Isle







St. Ninians Isle, Tidsler





St. Ninians Isle



Udsigt ved St. Ninians Isle







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Ved St. Ninians Isle



Fredelig bugt med hvilende sæler



Sæler



Jarlshof





Udsigt fra Jarlshof, Sunbrough Lighthouse

IRON AGE BROCH

Over the centuries, the sea has eroded and destroyed this part of the site. You are now in the middle of a damaged broch, once a massive structure. There are many others throughout the north and west of Scotland.

LIVING IN THE ROUND

Brochs are uniquely Scottish buildings. They are circular in plan with double-skinned windowless walls encircling a central space. Built from about 400 BC to AD 100, the tallest were over 10 metres high and dominated the surrounding landscape. Local chieftains or communities may have built a broch to display their power and ensure their safety.

Despite a great deal of recent broch research, including the excavations by the Shetland Amenity Trust at neighbouring Old Scatness, mysteries still remain. Why were they built? How were they roofed? Who lived in them?



Above: Attached to the broch was a courtyard with small stone out-buildings around its edge. Later occupied by a wheelhouse, the remains of which you can still see today.



Above: You can visit Scotland's best preserved broch on the island of Mousa off the east coast of Shetland.

Below: The power of the sea is destroying archaeology all around Scotland. Half of the Jarlshof broch has been eroded away.



Above: A reconstruction of a broch showing how the interior may have looked.



Jarlshof







No entry
Sudden drop









Sungourgh Airport



Jarlshof

WHEEL HOUSE

You are outside the entrance to one of the best-preserved wheelhouses in Scotland. The walls are close to their original height and give a real sense of what these houses looked like. Imagine how protected you would have felt on a stormy day.

INSIDE THE WHEEL

Wheelhouses are unique to the Northern and Western Isles of Scotland. Inside, it's easy to see how the buildings got their name. The structure is circular, with the different compartments resembling the spokes of a wheel.

We are not sure how the space in the house was used. The central area was probably communal, while the compartments may have been private or areas for particular tasks. It would have been dark inside, as the roof was covered with turf. A central hearth fire and simple oil lamps would have provided a low level of light.

Below: Rotary querns milled faster and with less effort, so replaced the old trough and saddle querns.



Right: These painted pebbles may have been gaming pieces, decorated sling shots or possibly ceremonial objects.

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Above: Unlike the earlier brochs, the wheelhouses were not built to be imposing from the outside.



Above: Family life in a wheelhouse would have been focused around the fire.







Udsigt fra Jarlshof



Sunbrough Lighthouse, museum

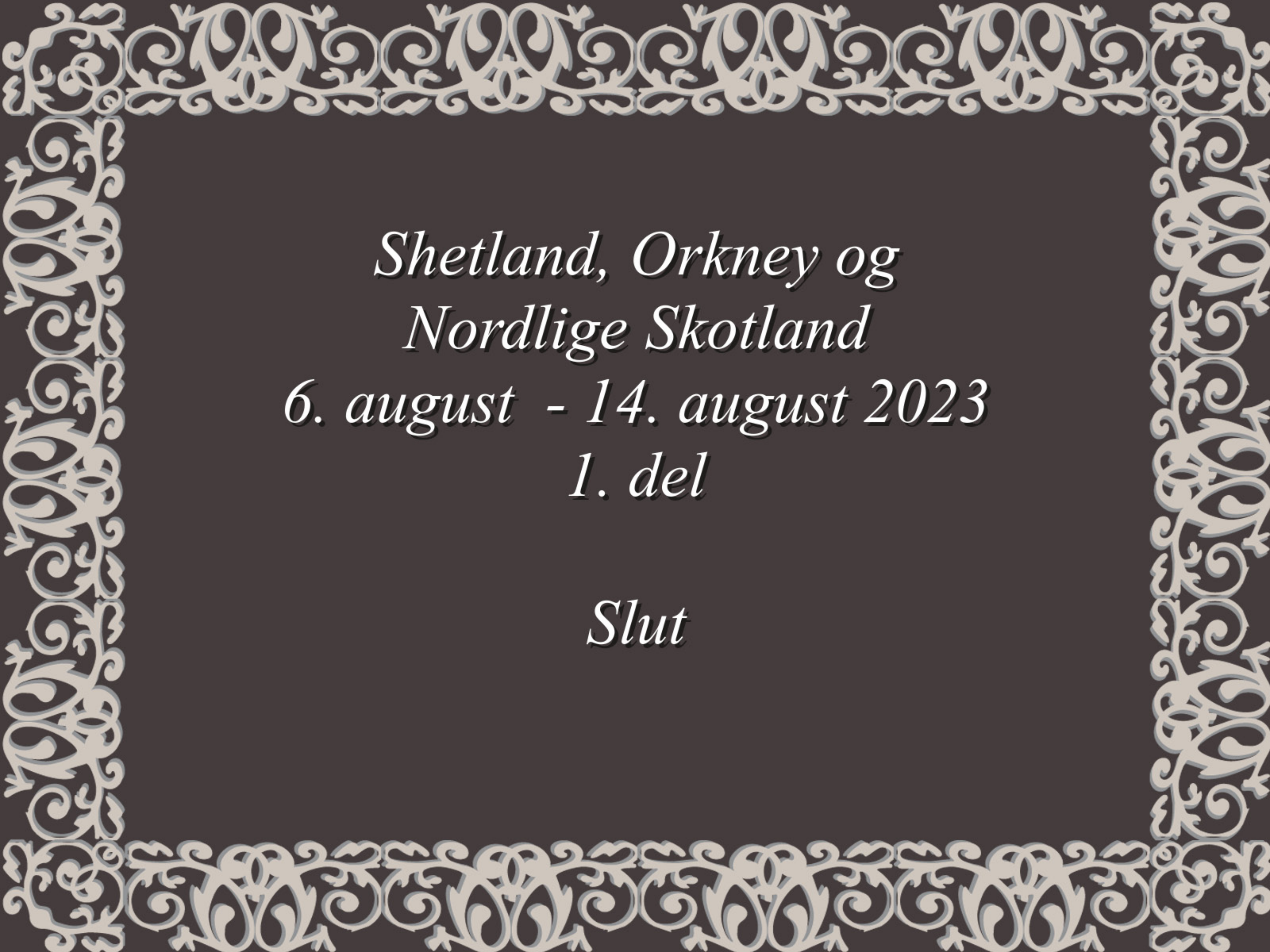


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