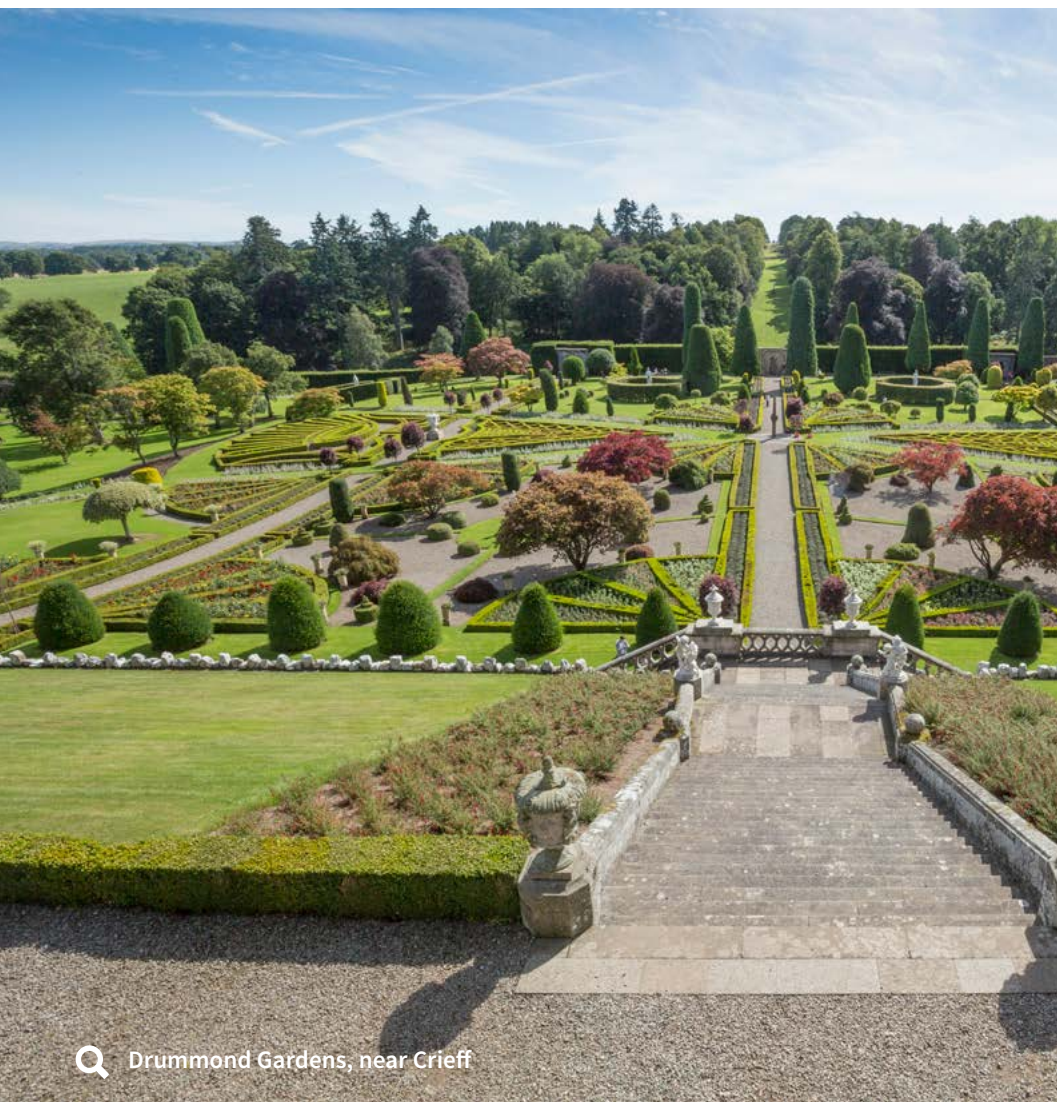


# Scotland's Tay Country — Film and Literature - Locations to Visit



🔍 Drummond Gardens, near Crieff



🔍 Macbeth at Glamis Castle



🔍 RRS Discovery, Dundee



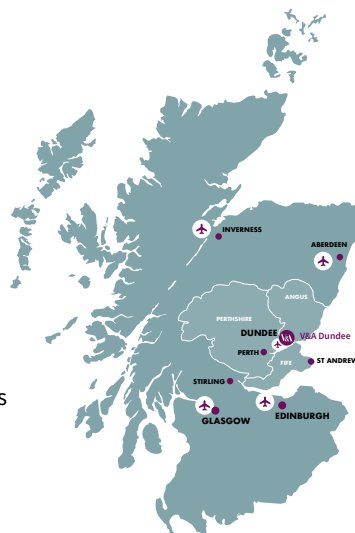
🔍 St Monans Church, Fife

## Lights, Camera, Action

From beautiful beaches, to majestic glens and sparkingly rivers, Scotland's Tay Country has inspired many writers and directors. The beauty, realism and historic landscape of this area has featured as locations in many film and TV productions as well as inspiring some great works of literature. From blockbuster movies to celebrations of local verse, discover the diverse nature of this area and how it has featured across film, TV and literature.

## EVENTS

- FEBRUARY** Winter Words Festival, Pitlochry  
[pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com](http://pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)
- MARCH** StAnza, St Andrews  
[stanzapoetry.org](http://stanzapoetry.org)
- SEPTEMBER** Glenrothes Film Festival  
[onfife.com/glenrothes-film-festival](http://onfife.com/glenrothes-film-festival)
- OCTOBER** Bookmark, Blairgowrie, Rattray and The Glens  
[bookmarkblair.com](http://bookmarkblair.com)
- NOVEMBER** Dundee Mountain Film Festival  
[dmff.co.uk](http://dmff.co.uk)



### Travel distances to and from V&A Dundee

Towns	Miles	Kilometres
Carnoustie	13.5	21.7
Forfar	14	22.5
Kirriemuir	19	30.6
Arbroath	17	27.3
Montrose	30	48.3
Brechin	27	43.5
Glamis	12	19.3
St Andrews	16	25.75
Dunfermline	40	64.4
Kirkcaldy	30	48.3
Falkland	23	37
Anstruther	25	40.2
Perth	22	35.4
Pitlochry	51	82.1
Crieff	41	66
Blairgowrie	20	32.2
Dunkeld	39	62.8
Aberfeldy	56	90.1

*Based on direct routes (car based) on Google maps*



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## Day 1 - Kingdom of Fife



**Royal Burgh of Culross** – Explore the cobbled streets of a beautifully preserved 17th and 18th century Scottish town. It has been used for many film productions including *The Little Vampire* (2000), *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2011), and *Outlander* (2014). Also visit Culross Palace and Garden.

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**Dunfermline Abbey and Palace** – A place of Christian worship for more than 1,000 years. The Abbey is the resting place for many Scottish monarchs including Robert the Bruce. The Abbey features in the forthcoming film about the life of Robert the Bruce, *Outlaw King*.

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**Falkland** – This pretty village at the foot of the Lomond Hills was a favourite of Mary Queen of Scots. Visit the Renaissance-style Falkland Palace and see one of Britain's oldest tennis courts. Falkland is now recognised as a filming location for the TV show *Outlander*.

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**East Neuk of Fife** – This picturesque part of the Fife coastline has featured in many film productions including *Whisky Galore* (2016), *The Railway Man* (2013) and *The Winter Guest* (1997). Explore the harbours, shops, pubs and restaurants in Crail, Pittenweem, St Monans and Anstruther.

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**St Andrews** – Visit the home of golf and university town. Explore the medieval streets, attractions, shopping, dining and of course its legendary golf courses. The West Sands of St Andrews feature in one of the most iconic opening scenes, the Oscar-winning *Chariots of Fire* (1981).

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## Day 2 - Dundee



**Tay Bridges** – The impressive Tay Rail and Road Bridges are the most majestic ways to enter Dundee across the silvery River Tay. Dundee has been described by some as Scotland's city of poetry, its most famous poetic son William McGonagall is best known for his poem *The Tay Bridge Disaster*.



**RRS Discovery** – Built in Dundee, the Discovery took Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton on the first expedition to Antarctica. Scott's adventures were immortalised on film in *Scott of the Antarctic* (1948). Step aboard the RRS Discovery to experience life as a pioneering adventurer.

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[www.rrsdiscovery.com](http://www.rrsdiscovery.com)



**Dundee City Centre** – Dennis the Menace and friends from the *Beano* comic and everybody's favourite, *Oor Wullie* have been published every week by Dundee's DC Thomson. Take a walk through the city centre, look out for statues of DC Thomson legends, Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx, as well as Oor Wullie.

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**Caird Hall** – Located in the heart of Dundee, this concert, conference and exhibition centre hosts a variety of events. In 1983, along with the city centre, it was transformed into Moscow for Alan's Bennett's *An Englishman Abroad*, with Caird Hall standing in for a Moscow theatre in the BBC production.

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**Broughty Castle Museum** – This 15th century castle houses four floors of local history exhibits. From the castle observation deck, you can also see spectacular views across the Firth of Tay. *Frankenstein* creator Mary Shelley spent her foremost teenage years in the area.

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## Day 3 - Angus



**Hospitalfield House** – A centre for contemporary arts and ideas, this arts & crafts building is the former home of artist and collector Patrick Allan-Fraser and his wife Elizabeth Fraser. After a visit to Hospitalfield in 1813 Walter Scott was inspired to write his novel *The Antiquary*, modelling Antiquary's home on Hospitalfield.

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[info@hospitalfield.org.uk](mailto:info@hospitalfield.org.uk)  
[www.hospitalfield.org.uk](http://www.hospitalfield.org.uk)



**Arbroath Abbey** – Explore the substantial ruins of the Abbey founded by William the Lion in 1178 and famously associated with the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320 which asserted Scotland's independence from England. Featured in the film *Stone of Destiny* (2008) based on the real-life removal of the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey.

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**House of Dun** – A perfect 18th century laird's home. Admire the Georgian architecture, period furniture, embroideries and paintings. House of Dun was the birthplace of poet Violet Jacob, best remembered for her historical novels and poems written in the distinctive Angus dialect.

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**JM Barrie's Birthplace** – JM Barrie was the author, playwright and creator of the much loved *Peter Pan*. The exhibition rooms explore Barrie's life, the inspirations for his childhood and adult life, his route to success, literary and stage works, and his enduring connection with Kirriemuir. See the house, where Barrie rehearsed and performed his childhood plays.

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**Glamis Castle** – Glamis Castle is a living, breathing monument to Scottish heritage, hospitality and enjoyment for all. The family home of the Earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle is the legendary setting for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the also childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

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## Day 4 - Perthshire



**Scone Palace** – Family home of the Earls of Mansfield and ancient crowning place of Scottish kings including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. Tour the palace and see the painting inspired by the movie *Belle* (2013) and other treasures in the collection followed by a walk in the beautiful gardens and peaceful woodland.

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**Birnam** – In Shakespeare's *Macbeth* the famous Birnam Wood, a great forest once straddled the banks of the River Tay. Today the pretty village of Birnam sits opposite its twin town of Dunkeld on the same spot. Visit Birnam Arts and the Beatrix Potter Exhibition, celebrating the writer's connection to the area.

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[www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)



**Blair Castle** – Discover the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl and the home to Europe's last remaining private army, the Atholl Highlanders. A favourite place of Queen Victoria. Her visit was recreated for the TV drama *Victoria* (2017). Tour the castle, explore the gardens and grounds.

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**Kinloch Rannoch** – Pretty Victorian village found at the eastern end of Loch Rannoch in Highland Perthshire. The village is a wonderful place for cycles, walks and other outdoor activities. Scenes from *Outlander* were filmed on a nearby estate. Visit Rannoch Station, one of the remotest railway stations in Britain.

[www.kinlochrannoch.com](http://www.kinlochrannoch.com)



**Drummond Gardens** – One of Scotland's most important formal gardens and amongst the finest in Europe. Designed in an Italian parterre style, Drummond Castle, doubled for the Palace of Versailles gardens in *Outlander* also featured in *Rob Roy* (1995).

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