



Banff Heritage Itinerary

No trip to The Banffshire Coast is complete without a trip to [Duff House](#) - a grand Georgian mansion which is now home to a collection of art held by the National Galleries of Scotland. So, to be sure you don't miss out, start your visit at this impressive property.

Come down the long, sweeping drive and enter at the front of the house. Entry tickets can be bought at the gift shop: as well as the general collection of fine arts the house often plays host to touring exhibitions.

You can spend hours at this property learning about the Earls of Fife who once lived here, as well as the people who worked in the building. Although it was built as a home for the powerful Duff family, it has been everything from a palm court hotel to a prisoner of war camp.

Round off your visit by stopping at the tea room, and walk off your lunch by strolling through the grounds, taking in sights such as the mausoleum and the Wrack Woods.

Returning onto the main road, turn left towards the town centre and stop off at [Banff Museum](#) on the High Street. Founded in 1892, the museum is the oldest in Scotland and is now run by the local community. You will be able to see some unusual and interesting exhibits here, including many objects made with silver. Banff was once home to some of the finest silvermakers in the country, and their work travelled all over the globe.

Don't miss the replica of the Deskford carnyx - a 2,000-year-old war trumpet - and an award-winning natural history display. Entry to the museum is free, and it is run by a very enthusiastic group of volunteers who have a wealth of knowledge about the town and surrounding area. The museum is adjacent to Banff Library, which has a small local history section.



Walking in a westerly direction along the High Street, peer down the very steep hill at Strait Path - only walk down if you think have enough energy to walk back up! - and then veer right onto Castlegate.

You will see many buildings dating back to the Georgian era, and you will find it impossible to miss the yellow façade of Banff Castle. The mansion house is run by the community and is open to the public, and hosts many arts events and exhibitions.

Walk down the hill onto Water Path and then take a sharp right at the junction. The pinky-coloured property at the end of the street is 1 High Shore, which, with its turret feature, is said to be one of the best townhouses in the country.

Opposite is St Mary's Kirkyard where you will find some very old headstones. Take some time to note the inscriptions, heraldry and decoration, as well as some of the occupations which are listed on the headstones - all of which could give clues to your family's past.