

YOUNG PERSONS GUIDE TO  
DOORS OPEN DAYS FESTIVAL IN

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# INTRODUCTION

Inverness is a city in the region of the Highlands. It is widely known for its connections to the Gaelic community and language which is reflected in the city itself and the area. The Highlands is a region rich in history and local community. Doors Open Days are a perfect chance to explore the history of this area.

The city also mixes the modern world with the history background. You can spend your afternoon shopping in the Victorian Market and strolling on the bank of the River Ness. Inverness is a quite compact city which can be discovered on foot. All while enjoying the amazing scenery!

# DAY ITINERARY

In order to get the most out of Inverness and Highlands we have created a handy guide for a day-trip!

We suggest you start at the Inverness Bunker, where you can explore the fully functional nuclear and chemical raid bunker. This site has never been accessible to the public and it cannot be missed! This site shouldn't take you more than an hour.

Next, make your way to the new Inverness Justice Centre. Remember that this is still a building site, therefore it is not suitable for young children or disabled. This year's Doors Open Days is your only chance to explore the Justice Centre before it is opened for use by the public. This site will be the building used for the general council and court business as well as the NHS and police headquarters. It is designed to be a modern site perfect for this day and age.

Now is the time to get some light lunch. Café Artysans in the city centre serves amazing coffee, soups and sandwiches! Very close to the café, you can see the currently used Sheriff Court located in the historic Inverness Castle, and the Cathedral.

For your dinner, the MacGregor's Bar is perfect!

As your last stop of the day, we suggest visiting the Highland Archive and Registration Centre for a deep dive into the historical records and family history!

# THEME PICKS

For this year's Doors Open Days in Inverness and Highlands, we have decided to recommend buildings in the theme of history and community. This area is exceptionally rich in its history and close communities and we have chosen the sites that perfectly reflect this connection.

For addresses, opening times, accessibility information, and architect details for listings in this programme, please see the main programme, or visit [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

## 1. Highland Archive and Registration Centre, Bught Road

The main archive site for the Highland region, which houses local records from the 13th century until today. Also home to the Family History Centre, where you can find information about your own ancestors from the area.

## 2. Highland Folk Museum, Kingussie Road

Outdoor museum involving the reconstructions of Highland homes and everyday items from the 17th century until the 1930s. Perfect for those who want to see how the everyday lives of ordinary people looked many years ago. Also hosts a great kids park!

## 3. Inverness Bunker, MacKintosh Road

A new addition to the Inverness and Highland Doors Open Days! Underground bunker dating back before the Cold War, created to withstand nuclear and chemical attacks. Previously used as emergency services training centre. Open to the public for the first time this year!

## 4. Inverness Cathedral, Ardross Street

Located in the Inverness city centre, it is a perfect quick stop for admiring the 19th century architecture in all its glory. The site has a printed guide available in

many languages to make your tour even more enjoyable!

## 5. Inverness Sheriff Court, The Castle

Located in the Inverness city centre, it is the perfect opportunity to experience the inner workings of a Sheriff Court. A part of the Inverness Castle, it is also an amazingly preserved architecture site.

## 6. Inverness Justice Centre, 3 Longman Road

The Justice Centre is planned to be finished early next year. The Doors Open Days present the perfect opportunity to see the new centre before its completion.

## 7. Inverness Masonic Temple, 5 Gordon Terrace

A unique opportunity to see the inside of a masonic temple. Discover the world of this historic fraternity yourself only during Doors Open Days!

## 8. Inverness Town House, Castle Wynd

Spectacular building dating back to 1882, recently restored to its former glory. It serves as an office for the Highland Council and is only open for the public during Doors Open Days. Step into the nineteenth century and experience the gothic architecture.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Places to eat

Café Artysans, 7 Strothers Lane – amazing coffee, cakes and light lunches.

MacGregor's Bar, 109-113 Academy Street – pub known for its traditional Scottish dishes with a slight twist and a massive range of whiskys.

River House Restaurant, 1 Greig Street – local seafood with an amazing view.

## Places to stay

Inverness Youth Hostel, Victoria Drive

## Shopping

Victorian Market, Queensgate

Leakey's Second-Hand Bookshop, Church Street

Isle of Skye Candle Company, 45 High Street

# YOUNG ADVISORY PANEL

In 2018, Doors Open Days assembled the Young Advisory Panel, through funding from the Year of Young People National Lottery Fund - we're Jordan, Laura, Magda, Sophie, Rachel & Rory. This year we've been tasked with creating, writing and designing guides, both in print and in video, to Stirling, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Pitlochry & Inverness - giving local insight and a fresh perspective on what each location has to offer.

The Inverness and the Highlands YAP guide was created by Madeline, who is 22. Madeline likes tv shows, concerts, and interior design.

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