

A warm welcome and stunning scenery, close to Edinburgh – visit East Lothian!

With over 40 miles of stunning coastline, golden beaches, spectacular scenery, award-winning attractions, excellent accommodation, outstanding food & drink, fabulous events and the world's finest selection of links golf courses, East Lothian combines the best of Scotland!

There's a huge amount to see and do in East Lothian. You can enjoy a day at the races at the famous Musselburgh Racecourse and you can even climb onboard the awesome Concorde airliner at the National Museum of Flight. Then there's the award-winning Scottish Seabird Centre, perched right on the seafront in stunning North Berwick and, just along the coast from there, the impressive cliff-top fortress of Tantallon Castle – where, unusually for a ruined castle, you can still climb to the top of the ramparts for a stunning view and a peep into the past. If you're seeking thrills and spills there is plenty on offer from wakeboarding and surfing to biking and horse riding. You really will be spoiled for choice here. There's something for everyone!

East Lothian is the birthplace of John Muir, the father of conservation, and the area is home to a rich variety of wildlife and thousands of seabirds arriving each year to nest on its islands and coastline. The John Muir Way long distance walking and cycling route runs for 134 miles (215km) from Dunbar in the East to Helensburgh in the West.

Charming towns and villages invite you to browse in their art galleries, museums and gift shops. Musselburgh's famous Brunton attracts some of the best theatre, dance and entertainment around and, not to be forgotten, East Lothian is the ancient home of golf. You'll find some of the great links and parkland courses here, including the world famous Muirfield.

Scotland's Food & Drink County offers you the chance to savour delicious fresh local produce, as well as seafood specialties in our local delicatessens, restaurants and cafes. Don't forget to sample whisky Scotland's national drink at the five star Glenkinchie Distillery.

In the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology we have plenty to celebrate. Here are just a few items of note:

- The Saltire, Scotland's National Flag was born here and in November the whole County comes alive with The Saltire Festival.
- Kilspindie Golf Club was formed in 1867, it was the 35th registered golf club in the world and this year celebrates its 150th anniversary.
- The earliest documentation of golf being played on Musselburgh Links is from 1672, which has earned Musselburgh Links the Guinness World Record for being the oldest golf course in the world. However, it has been reputed that Mary, Queen of Scots played on Musselburgh even earlier in 1567.

- 2017 is an important year for Glenkinchie which celebrates the 180th anniversary of the distillery (John & George Rate achieved the first licence to distil in 1837) and the 20th anniversary of the visitor centre.
- The Ryder Cup was first played in Scotland in 1973, at Muirfield. The victorious American Team featured the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.
- Treasure Island was first published 14th November 1883. Fidra Island inspired Robert Louis Stevenson when he was holidaying in North Berwick during his childhood.
- Preston Mill an 18th century mill and doocot with a working water wheel and grain milling machinery features in the hit US series Outlander.
- Prestonpans has a rich history and now visitors can choose from a range of tours including The Witches Experience, the Battle of Prestonpans Experience and the Industrial Heritage Experience.

East Lothian is incredibly easy to get to, bordering Edinburgh, and within easy reach of the major road and rail networks.

We look forward to giving you a warm, East Lothian welcome!

Come and see us on stand I4-6.

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