Things to do on your Holiday

We have created this little leaflet to help you make the most of your visit to Dumfries & Galloway. Further information on the region can be found by visiting the following websites: www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/dumfries/see-do www.dgwgo.com

Arts, Crafts and Museums

Dumfries Art Trail This walking trail links art studios, galleries and shops, all within a 15-minute walk from the High Street. Maps can be downloaded or collected from Visit Scotland (Tourist Information Office - 64 Whitesands, Dumfries, DG1 2RS).

Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum This museum, located on the site of the former RAF airbase, gives a hands-on experience in various aircrafts. Admission: Adults £6.30, Children £4.50, Family £18. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am – 4pm. Sat Nav Details - Heathhall Industrial Estate, Dumfries, DG1 3PH

Stewartry Museum The Stewartry Museum has an old world charm and exhibits a wealth of objects relating to the area. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 1pm. Sunday 1pm – 4pm. Admission is free. Sat Nav Details - St Mary Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4AQ

Tolbooth Art Centre The Tolbooth Art Centre displays some of the best paintings from Kirkcudbright. Admission is free. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm.Sunday 1pm – 4pm. Sat Nav Details - High Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4JL

Devils Porridge Museum The Devils Porridge Museum is dedicated to telling the story of how this once quiet area flourished into a hub of wartime activity. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm. Admission: Adults £8.00, Concessions, Over 60s & Children (aged 5-16) £7.00, Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £20.00 Sat Nav Details - Annan Road, Eastriggs, DG12 6TF

Couples

The Mull of Galloway The Mull of Galloway is one of Scotland's best kept secrets and has its very own lighthouse. After a romantic walk you can relax in the tearoom and enjoy the stunning views. Sat Nav Details - Mull of Galloway, DG9 9HP.

St Ninian's Cave Situated only 4 miles from Whithorn Abbey, it is believed that this small sea cave was a retreat of St. Ninian, Scotland's first saint. Admission is free however there is a car parking charge of £1. Sat Nav Details - Whithorn, Newton Stewart, DG8 8JU

The Craft Hotel The Craft Hotel is a very popular pub in Wigtown where they regularly host events from live music to cocktail nights and book events. Sat Nav Details - 30 South Main Street, Wigtown, DG8 9HG

Galloway Distillery (Formerly Crafty Distillery) TOUR & TASTE - £20.00pp. Tuesday to Saturday. Must be pre-booked. Enjoy a tour of the distillery and learn how they make their very own spirit from scratch and the process for making their gin. Sat Nav Details - Wigtown Rd, Newton Stewart, DG8 6AS

N'Dulge Here you can enjoy creative cocktails and the best in cutting edge music every weekend. Thursday – Friday from 5pm, Saturday – Sunday from 1pm. Sat Nav Details - St Andrews Street, Dumfries, DG1 1BS

Wildlife & Nature

Grey Mares Tail Nature Reserve Enjoy a range of walks with breath-taking views and see one of the UK's highest waterfalls plunging 60m from Loch Skeen. Sat Nav Details - Dumfries & Galloway DG10 9LP

Port Logan's Famous Fishpond On the South Rhins Tourist Trail on beautiful Galloway sits the UK's, if not the world's, oldest and most unique natural marine 'aquarium'. Opening Hours: 7 days a week 10am to 5pm. Admission: Adults £4, Seniors (65+) £3.50, Under 16s £3, Family of 3+ £10. Sat Nav Details – Port Logan, Stranraer, DG9 9NF

The Green Frog Here they have a small soft play area, offer fly and bait fishing, have a café and a small outdoor play area. It is the perfect place to relax. Sat Nav Details - Hammerlands, Moffat, DG10 9QL

Dalbeattie Forest Pretty Plantain Loch is a real highlight in this quiet, easy to explore forest beside the town of Dalbeattie. Car Parking charges: £1.50 for up to 1 hour, £2 for up to 3 hours, £3 for all day. Sat Nav Details - DG5 4QU

Threave Estate Threave Estate & Gardens is one of the most diverse properties in the care of the National Trust for Scotland. Admission: Adults £12.50, Family £27.00, Concession £11.00, One Adult Family £19.00. Sat Nav Details - Castle Douglas, DG7 1RX

Glenwhan Gardens Described as one of the most beautiful gardens in Scotland overlooking Luce Bay and the Mull of Galloway, Glenwhan Gardens is a must-see for garden and horticulture lovers. Opening Hours: **April to October** Daily from 10am to 5pm. Admission: Adults £7.50, Concessions & Students £6.00, Family Ticket £18 (up to 3 Children). 1st October to 31st March admission by Honesty Box.
Sat Nav Details - Stranraer, DG9 8PH.

Food & Drink

Galloway Smokehouse Nestling on the banks of Wigtown Bay is the Galloway Smokehouse, home of prize-winning smoked salmon, trout, seafood and game. Sat Nav Details - Carsluith, Newton Stewart, DG8 7DN

Drummuir Farm Ice Cream Here you can find delicious ice-creams and sundaes with over 21 flavours! Open daily: 10:30am-5:30pm. Sat Nav Details - Clarencefield Road, Collin, Dumfries, DG1 4PX.

Sulwath Brewery Meet the brewer on a conducted tour every Monday and Friday at 1pm. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am - 6pm. Sat Nav Details - 209 King Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1DT

TB Watson Specialist Wine & Spirit Merchant Here you can find a wide range of whiskies, spirits, liqueurs, and quality wines from around the world. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5:30pm Saturday 9.30am - 5:30pm. Sat Nav Details - 15 English St, Dumfries, DG1 2BU

Moore's Fish & Chip Shop Based in the picturesque "Food Town" of Castle Douglas, award winning Moore's Fish and Chip Shop offers a mouth-watering menu. Opening Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00am-8.00pm. Friday and Saturday 12:00am-9:00pm. Sunday 12:00pm-8:00pm. Sat Nav Details - 254 King Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1HA

Bayview Restaurant (Formerly Roadhouse Blues) Based in Carsluith, just outside Newton Stewart on the A75 you will find a wide range of American and traditional diner meals, from T-bone steaks, ribs, burgers, fish'n'chips, hotdogs and Sunday carvery. Available to sit in or takeaway. Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 12.00pm – 2.30pm and 5.00pm – 8.30pm. Sat Nav Details - The Galloway Fisherman, Carsluith, Newton Stewart DG8 7DN

The Galloway Larder by Apothecally The Galloway Larder offers a coffee shop, restaurant, wine bar, lifestyle and larder. Stocked with food and drink from Galloway's finest producers. Booking is recommended – call 01557 520121. Opening Hours: Wednesday to Thursday 9:00am to 10:00pm, Friday to Saturday 9:00am to 11:30pm, Sunday 9:00am – 3:30pm Sat Nav Details – Fleetvale, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2HP

Annandale Distillery Here you can take a tour, sip the stunning peated and unpeated whiskies and try their delicious food. Tours start at 10am, the last is at 3pm. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm. Sat Nav Details – Annan, DG12 5LL

The Masonic Arms The Masonic Arms offers a choice of dining experiences from their contemporary dining room to the light and airy conservatory or their alfresco beer garden. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 11:00am-00:00. Sunday 12:00pm-00:00 Sat Nav Details - 10 Ann Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2HU

The Thistle Inn The Thistle Inn is situated in the village of Crossmichael, 3 miles from Castle Douglas. They are a Hotel with Licenced Bar. The restaurant offers home cooked meals, prepared daily using local produce. Pleasant outdoor seating area. Food served Thursday to Saturday (evenings only) and all day Sunday. Lunch bookings on request. Sat Nav Details – 51-55 Main Street, Crossmichael, Castle Douglas, DG7 3AU.

The Murray Arms Newly renovated, this stylish hotel offers dining plus the addition of drinks and a coffee bar. Opening Hours: 7 days a week, 12.00pm – 14.00pm Lunch, 17:00pm – 20.30pm Dinner. Sat Nav Details - High St, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas DG7 2HY

Swally n' Scran A new culinary experience has arrived in Kirkcudbright! Providing freshly cooked dishes to satisfy your seafood craving. This family-run eatery has and stylish interior, bar and is right next door to their newly opened fishmonger shot. To guarantee a table please visit www.wcspltd.co.uk/swally-n-scran or visit their Instagram page. Opening Hours: Thursday to Saturday from 12:30pm – 22.00pm. Sat Nav Details - St Cuthbert's Place, Swally, Kirkcudbright DG6 4DH

Hendersons Butchers Highly recommended by our team – amazing steaks, the best steak pies and fantastic sausages. Open 8am-5pm. Sat Nav Details - 64 King Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1AD

The Earth's Crust Bakery An artisan bakery making homemade bread and sweet pastries in a traditional way. Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:30-6pm. Saturday 9:30am-4:30pm. Sat Nav Details - 36-38, St Andrew Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EN

Families

Cocoa Bean Company Kids can make chocolate creations in the interactive workshops and explore the indoor, outdoor and soft play areas. Pre-booking required. Opening Hours: 9am - 5pm daily. Autumn hours apply. Admission: Workshops £21.50 per person and include the chocolate workshop and play areas or £6 per child for access to the play areas only. Sat Nav Details - Ashland, Twynholm, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4NP

Raiders Road - Galloway Forest Park Relax beside the banks of the River Dee, watch out for wildlife, picnic at the Otter Pool, and enjoy peaceful woodland trails – and it's great by bike too. There is an all-day parking charge of £2. Sat Nav Details - DG7 3SH (nearest).

Logan Botanic Gardens At the south-western tip of Scotland lies Logan where you will find the most exotic gardens. After exploring, enjoy some lunch in the tearoom with views onto the gardens. Opening Hours: March to November daily 10am – 5pm. Admission: Adults £8.00, Concessions £7.00, Kids go FREE. Sat Nav Details - Port Logan, Near Stranraer, DG9 9ND

Kirkcudbright Dark Space Planetarium Learn about space exploration, our solar system and space technology in a fun environment. With an amazing, state-of-the-art dome screen the Planetarium gives everyone an immersive visual experience. Adult £12, Children under 16 £6, Child under 3 Free, Concessions £10. Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sat Nat Details – The Johnston, St Mary Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4EG

Spike and Arran Stags The Red Deer Range gives you the chance to see the beautiful red deer up close and in their natural environment. You might even spot our favourite deer, Spike and Arran! Admission is free and the range is open all day. Sat Nav Details - DG8 7BL is the nearest postcode.

Sandyhills and Rockcliffe These sandy beaches near Dalbeattie are great for sunbathing, picnics and swimming. Sat Nav Details - Sandyhills, DG5 4PT Rockcliffe, DG5 4QQ

Dalscone Farm A farmyard of fun, whatever the weather, is waiting for you at Dalscone Farm with an indoor multi-level adventure play zone, slides and plenty to climb on. Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5pm. Admission: Adult - £8, 3-16yrs - £9, 2yrs -£6, Concessions -£5. Sat Nav Details - Edinburgh Road, Dumfries, DG1 1SE

Mabie Farm Park Mabie Farm Park is original farm fun for all ages and in all types of weather. Admission: Children (2-16 Years) £8.50, Under 2's go FREE, Adults £9, Family of 4 £34. Opening Hours; Daily from 10am - 5pm. Sat Nav Details - Burnside Farm, Dumfries, DG2 8EZ

Farmers Den Indoor Activity Centre Farmers Den is a soft play centre where children are free to be as energetic and active as they wish. Admission: £5.00 per child for as long as they want, adults free. Opening Hours; Daily from 9:30am - 5pm. Sat Nav Details - 33-35 Glasgow St, Dumfries DG2 9AG

DG One Leisure Complex DG One is South West Scotland's largest sport, leisure and entertainment complex. Booking is essential. Sat Nav Details - Hoods Loaning, Dumfries DG1 2HT

Outdoors

Galloway Activity Centre - Loch Ken The Galloway Activity Centre has lots of adventurous activities for you to choose from. After your fun filled day you can relax in the waterfront café. Prices are set per activity and details can be found on their website at www.lochken.co.uk. Sat Nav Details - Parton, Castle Douglas, DG7 3NQ

7stanes The 7stanes are eight mountain biking centres spanning southern Scotland. The 7stanes mountain bike trails offer everyone, no matter how experienced, some of the world's best mountain biking stretching from the heart of

Dumfries and Galloway to the Scottish Borders.

Cornmill Outdoor Activities Based at the seafront in Garlieston, Cornmill B&B run this outdoors activity centre. It's family friendly and very affordable. You can hire out kayaks and dinghies for as little as £10 per hour. Sat Nav Details - Garlieston, DG8 8BA.

Drumlanrig Castle If you like delving deep into history, soaking up the finest culture, exploring beautiful countryside or adrenaline-fuelled mountain biking, you'll love a day at Drumlanrig Castle. From activities for kids to salmon fishing, you'll find lots of activities waiting for you. Visit their website www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk to plan your visit. Sat Nav Details - Thornhill, DG3 4AQ

Glentrool Visitors Centre Loch Trool is one of the real gems of the Galloway Forest Park, this enjoyable walk makes a complete circuit around the loch. Sat Nav Details - Glentrool, Newton Stewart, DG8 6SY

Kirroughtree There is so much to do here from hiring mountain bikes and trying out one of the many bike trails, to the fantastic play park for the kids and the lovely tearoom. There are events held here throughout the year so check their website to find out more. Opening Hours:10am-5pm daily. Sat Nav Details - Forest Drive, Newton Stewart, DG8 7BE

Alderneuk Fishery Alderneuk is an attractive and well stocked three-acre fly-only loch holding good sized rainbow, blue, brown and tiger trout. Opening Hours: Wednesday to Monday 8:30am - 10:30pm. Prices details can be found at www.alderneukfishery.co.uk. Sat Nav Details - Waterside Farm, Terregles, Dumfries, DG2 9RZ

Screel Hill At 1,126 feet, The Screel is far from being the highest of the Solway Hills range but can still serve a satisfactory introduction to climbing the hills of Galloway. Sat Nav Details - DG7 1SP (nearest)

Golf

Dumfries & Galloway has some of Scotland's finest courses. Below is a list of just a few golf courses on our doorstep with a total of 30 courses in the region.

Dalbeattie Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Maxwell Park, Dalbeattie DG5 4LS

Castle Douglas Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Abercromby Road, Castle Douglas DG7 1BB

Dumfries & Galloway Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Laurieston Avenue, Dumfries DG2 7NY

Crichton Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TH

Craigknowes Golf Course – Sat Nav Details: Woodside Terrace, Dalbeattie DG5 4EF

Dumfries & County Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Edinburgh Road, Dumfries DG1 1JX

The Pines Golf Centre – Sat Nav Details: Lockerbie Road, Dumfries DG1 3PF

Colvend Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Sandyhills, Dalbeattie DG5 4PY

Park of Tongland Golf Club – Sat Nav Details: Kirkcudbright DG6 4NE

Newton Stewart Golf Club - Sat Nav Details: Kirroughtree Avenue, Newton Stewart DG8 6PF

Fishing

Loch Ken, Castle Douglas, DG7 3NQ – Pike Fishing in Loch Ken is spectacular and is famed for one angler catching the 'Loch Ken Monster', the largest pike on record in Loch Ken weighting 72lbs and measuring 7 feet in length!

River Annan, Annan, DG12 5PF – The Annan's salmon catch is usually in Scotland's top 20 with weights of 10lbs plus.

Castle Loch Fishery, Lochmaben, DG11 1NN - Castle Loch is Scotland's Premier specimen coarse fishery and is located in a serene nature reserve.

The Buccleuch Estates Fishing, Drumlanrig Mains, Thornhill, DG3 4AQ - Here you'll find Salmon and Sea Trout fishing in the River Nith, plus Grayling fishing in the winter. They also offer Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout fishing in the well-stocked lochs.

Birdwatching

Ken Dee Marshes – Ken Dee Marshes is a RSPB reserve just by the west side of Loch Ken and comprise of both wetland and woodland areas for you to explore. In any month you can usually be treated to Red Kite, Wood Warbler, Nuthatch, and many more beautiful species. Sat Nav Details: Castle Douglas DG7 2LY

Threave Nature Reserve NTS Visit this nature reserve to enjoy the natural beauty. With well-maintained paths, diverse habitats and excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing, especially ospreys. Free packing and the option of a boat ride to the Castle. Sat Nav Details – Threave Nature Reserve, Castle Douglas, DG7 1TJ

Red Kite Centre – Visit Bellymack Hill Farm and enjoy watching wild Red Kites being fed daily. No need to book. Snack bar and local crafts available for sale. Sat Nav Details Bellymack Hill Farm, Castle Douglas, DG7 2PJ

WWT Caerlaverock – This nature reserve has a variety of habitats including a saltmarsh, grassland, reed beds, ponds and wooded avenues. WWT Caerlaverock is internationally renowned for its flock of Barnacle Geese that arrive each year. Sat Nav Details: Eastpark Farm, Caerlaverock DG1 4RS

Nearby Towns & Villages

Springholm, DG7 3LP (20 miles from Sandgreen)
Kirkpatrick Durham, DG7 3HL (20 miles from Sandgreen)
Corsock, Castle Douglas, DG7 3DW (26 miles from Sandgreen)
Dalbeattie, DG5 4AR (23 miles from Sandgreen)
Dumfries, DG1 2BD (32 miles from Sandgreen)Castle Douglas, DG7 1LD (15 miles from Sandgreen)
New Galloway, DG7 3RH (23 miles from Sandgreen)
Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2HP (5 miles from Sandgreen)
Lockerbie, DG11 2HA (45 miles from Sandgreen)
Newton Stewart, DG8 6NH (21 miles from Sandgreen)
Creetown, DG8 7JW (15 miles from Sandgreen)
Kirkcudbright, DG6 4AN (10 miles from Sandgreen)