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STAYCATION INSPIRATION

THE ANTIDOTE TO THE STRESSES AND STRAINS OF EVERYDAY LIFE, DALMAHOY IS YOUR STAYCATION DESTINATION TO PRESS THE RESET BUTTON. WHETHER IT'S A GOLF BREAK, A FUN-FILLED FAMILY ADVENTURE OR SOME MUCH-NEEDED ESCAPISM AND R&R, DALMAHOY IS YOUR PLACE TO PAUSE.

Nestled within more than 1,000 acres of tranquil countryside, Dalmahoys feels a million miles away from everyday life. Yet, the hotel and golf resort is just seven miles from Edinburgh. Want a luxurious country escape? Tick. Want to explore Scotland's capital city? Easy. It's only 10 minutes away by car.

Whether you've got just 24 hours, a few days or a whole week to enjoy (lucky you!), Dalmahoys is ideally located to offer the best of both worlds – city and country – all rolled up into one memory-making staycation.

If you can be lured away from the delights of Dalmahoys, here is our top recommendations of things to see and do this summer.

LOVELY LOTHIAN

SAVOUR THE LANDSCAPES OF THE LOTHIAN AND DISCOVER AWARD-WINNING WHITE SANDY BEACHES, PICTURESQUE VILLAGES, CAPTIVATING WILDLIFE AND AN ABUNDANCE OF ACCLAIMED ATTRACTIONS.



Forth Rail Bridge

SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

The pretty and historic seaside town of South Queensferry is nine miles away from Dalmahoy and makes for the perfect choice for a great day out. Soak up the atmosphere on the main street, peruse the independent boutiques and enjoy an ice cream, coffee or bite to eat in one of the many cafes and restaurants. And don't forget to look up as the UNESCO World Heritage Site towers above you!

The iconic [Forth Bridge](#) is right there in all its splendour, as is the neighbouring Forth Road Bridge and Queensferry Crossing. Why not get up close to these spectacular feats of engineering with a [Maid of the Forth](#) sightseeing cruise, complete with 10% off for Dalmahoy guests [hyperlink to web page]. Blow away the cobwebs, enjoy the great outdoors and see Edinburgh, the Lothians and Fife at once on board this family run cruise with daily sailings. There's a 90-minute sightseeing cruise option and their famed 3-hour Inchcolm landing cruise, with a 90-minute stop off to explore the historic island.

There is also [Port Edgar Marina](#). Whether your interest is in sailing, racing, water sports or touring the Firth, Port Edgar offers a diverse range of activities to suit everyone who wants to get on the water. The Marina Shop offers great clothing and accessories, and there's also pretty delicious food offerings too from [Scott's Restaurant](#) and [Down the Hatch](#).

Other attractions in South Queensferry include stately homes, Dalmeny House and Hopetoun House. For the ultimate in kids' attraction, you can't beat the new adventure farm park, [Little Farmers](#), at Craigies which features 20,000 sq ft of indoor and outdoor play. And nearby in Kirkliston, just a few minutes' drive from South Queensferry, is [Conifox Adventure Park and Stables](#).

WEST LOTHIAN DAY TRIPS

ON DALMAHOY'S DOORSTEP LIES A NUMBER OF ACCLAIMED VISITOR ATTRACTIONS THAT ARE WELL WORTH A VISIT.

Set within the stunning 80 acre estate of Bonnington House, just a few minutes from the hotel, lies the inimitable [Jupiter Artland](#). This acclaimed sculpture park is a jaw dropping collaboration between artists and the landscape which takes visitors on a truly memorable journey. Guests often spend all day marvelling at the art, walking through the grounds and exploring. Be prepared to be blown away.

If the kids are in tow on the Staycation then they'll love [Almond Valley Heritage Centre](#). This family-friendly attraction boasts an interactive museum and lots of activities for kids, including playgrounds, pedal carts, tractor rides and trampolines. If animals is their thing, then also check out the nearby [Five Sisters Zoo](#) in West Calder.

Culture vultures will love the magnificent ruins of [Linlithgow Palace](#), the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots. The palace, which is just 20 minutes from Dalmahoy, was once the impressive retreat of royals offering a Renaissance residence and break from the journey between Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle. There is also the 15th century [Blackness Castle](#) which was a garrison fortress and state prison. Its breathtaking location on the Firth of Forth also made Blackness Castle perfect for series one of the TV show, Outlander.

For designer fashion buys for less, then make a trip to [Livingston Designer Outlet](#). Scotland's largest designer outlet, which features more than 70 boutiques, restaurants and cafes, is a mere eight miles away from Dalmahoy. If you fancy a tittle whilst in Livingston then why not experience award-winning local artisanal rum by [Matugga](#). Matugga Distillers, based in Livingston, produces a range of rums, using copper pot distillation. Evening tours are available.

- Explore the flavours of Scotland and enjoy the ultimate whisky journey at the new Johnny Walker Princes Street. This eight floor visitor centre, located at the West End of the city centre, is set to be a whisky lover's dream.
- Continue west through the sophisticated area of Murrayfield to Edinburgh Zoo which is home to over 1,000 rare and endangered animals. As well as day visits, during the summer months there's also the atmospheric Summer Nights at the zoo which is owned by the the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland.
- Visit the hidden gem and local secret haven of Cramond. Only seven miles from Edinburgh, this historic suburb north-west Edinburgh and located at the mouth of the River Almond where it enters the Firth of Forth. The village atmosphere, the historic homes, beautiful beaches and shoreline walks make for a lovely day. Stop off for a coffee at the Cramond Gallery Bistro or walk out along the tidal causeway to Cramond Island – but beware of the tide times and stick to these so you're not caught by the incoming tide.



Blackness Castle

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Dalkeith Country Park

MIDLOTHIAN

A few minutes from Dalmahoy is the area of Midlothian, which is located on the outskirts of Edinburgh and home to many country parks, castles, dry-slope skiing and even the Pentland Hills Regional Park.

There's so many things to see and do in Midlothian that you're spoilt for choice, but highlights include: Vogrie Country Park, a Victorian parkland estate with landscaped vistas, adventure play area, woodland walks and miniature railway; intriguing [Rosslyn Chapel](#) which continues to inspire writers, artists and visitors since it was founded in 1446; and the 1,000 acre historic estate that is [Dalkeith Country Park](#) where a host of seasonal events, retail experiences and child-favourite Fort Douglas adventure park, awaits.

New to Dalkeith Country Park, located 13 miles from Dalmahoy, is [Go Ape](#) which boasts eight zip wires across the River Esk. Sky-high platforms and mega zip rides offer thrills for older children and adults alike, whilst younger adventurers can take to the tree tops.

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COSMOPOLITAN CAPITAL CITY

The culture. The architecture. The sights. The landmarks. The food. The atmosphere. Wow, where to start with Edinburgh. Its little wonder Scotland's capital city wins awards and remains a top destination to visit.

The city may be small in size but it packs a punch with things to do and see. And so, we've pulled together our top ten summer recommendations to help inspire.

- If you do one thing, make sure you visit the iconic [Edinburgh Castle](#) to discover the history and secrets of this military fortress.
- Take a stroll down the Royal Mile to the [Palace of Holyroodhouse](#), the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh, soaking up the historical attractions and stunning Old Town architecture on the way.
- If you do venture down to the New Town to explore Stockbridge and Dean Village, make sure you continue to Trinity and experience the [Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#). This popular attraction offers beautiful gardens but It's also a world-renowned scientific centre for the study of plants, their diversity and conservation.
- For the best instagrammable views of the city walk up Calton Hill or Arthur's Seat (*an ancient extinct volcano, no less*).
- If you opt for Calton Hill then stop off for lunch at [The Lookout](#) for exceptional seasonal fayre and more of Edinburgh's stunning skyline and beyond. They also offer a Picnic Pickup service, ideal for a relaxed feast on top of Calton Hill.
- Visit the [National Art Gallery of Scotland](#) on Princes Street which is home to some of the world's best fine art collections. The Gallery of Modern Art, which is a 15 minute walk from Princes Street, is equally impressive and home to Scotland's outstanding collection of contemporary art.
- For shopping visit the newly launched [St James Quarter](#) which is home to some of the biggest retail names in the UK. Then check out independent boutiques in beautiful Thistle Street (also stop off for a Scottish craft ale in the renowned Thistle Street Bar), William Street in the West End and Stockbridge in the elegant New Town.
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