# Prospect Cottage, Findochty

5 Main Street, Findochty, Buckie, AB56 4PP



Enjoy a holiday or study break at our harbour-side, self-catering accommodation – ideal for exploring this lovely part of Scotland's coastline.

Attractions include wildlife-watching, historic buildings, fishing, golf, scenic harbours, clifftop walks with unbeatable views ... and terrific ice cream and fish and chips!



# About the Cottage

The Cottage overlooks the harbour, no longer busy with fishermen landing their catch but popular as a safe berthing place for yachts.

Findochty has a convenience store, a chemist, a hairdressing salon and a post office - with a wider range of shops, including supermarkets, available in nearby Buckie. "The Admirals" Bar/Restaurant serves meals in the conservatory overlooking Findochty harbour.

If you have children with you, there's a playpark at the top of Morven Crescent, off Seafield Road.

### Accommodation

The cottage itself comfortably sleeps six people in three bedrooms. Gas central heating keeps it cosy, and unlimited wifi is available throughout.



Downstairs there is a twin bedroom and a kitchen/diner with a table seating six people. The kitchen is equipped with an electric cooker, microwave and fridge/freezer. The washing machine and tumble drier are situated in the outhouse.

The large bathroom opposite has an electric over-bath shower.

Upstairs has a harbour-facing double bedroom, a twin-bedded room, and a harbour-facing lounge with a TV, DVD player and music player/radio.



## Things You Need to Know

The keys to the cottage are locked in the digital keysafe at the front door - the code to which will be telephoned to you prior to your visit.

We now supply bedding and towels for the cottage, but you will need to bring your own beach towels.

- An outhouse is attached to the cottage, the keys for which hang in the hall.
  Please ensure this is closed when leaving.
- Washing may be hung outside the cottage and an iron and ironing board are available in the hall cupboard.





- Parking is available for one car please park with the bonnet toward the outhouse to allow access to your boot. Further parking is available, but MUST be parked at the harbour edge, with consideration for our neighbours' access.
- The cottage telephone number is 01542 835305 - please put the approximate cost of any outgoing call in the slotted box near the phone.



 Bins are emptied early Thursday mornings, so please put the wheelie bin out on the harbour side, against the house wall. Always close the cottage gate properly, as it's noisy if it swings in the wind.

Please note that smoking and pets are not allowed in the cottage - thank you!

#### Travel

If driving, take the A9 to Aviemore, and from there head to Grantown-on-Spey, then Craigellachie, Rothes, Fochabers and Buckie, where you'll pick up signs for Findochty. Alternatively, buses from Aberdeen or Elgin, go through Findochty. Call Stagecoach Bluebird in Elgin on 01343 544222 for more information.

## On Leaving

We now employ a housekeeper who will change the bedding and clean the cottage at the end of your stay - however, we would ask you to take care of the cottage and its contents, and please leave it tidy, thank you.

- Ensure all windows are securely shut and bolted. Leave the fridge/freezer switched on. Please remember to remove all items of food.
- The door on the washing machine should be left slightly open.
- Please leave gas and electricity ON, with the central heating set to 10.

During your stay it is only necessary to lock the outside door, but BOTH front doors should be locked on leaving after your holiday. The keys should be locked back into the digital key safe on the outside of the cottage.

Details of availability, costs and how to book are available from Lynn Scott:

email - admin@scottishbaptist.org.uk phone - 0141 433 4552.

NB: Normally, our ministers are given booking priority for school holidays until the 2nd week in January each year.



# Things to Do

Prospect Cottage is an ideal base for exploring the wide-ranging delights of the area. A fuller list of attractions and activities are available on the web. <u>N.B.</u> Attractions listed are for information only and are not being promoted or endorsed by the Baptist Union of Scotland.

Picturesque Harbours: Portsoy is of particular historical interest, but see banffshiremaritime.org.uk for others you might also enjoy.

Buckie Fishing Heritage Centre: buckieheritage.org

Macduff Aquarium: macduff-aquarium.org.uk

Fraserburgh Heritage Centre: fraserburghheritage.com

Wildlife Watching Boat Trips are usually available from Buckie, Banff and Macduff. Some of the operatiors are:puffincruises.com; north58.co.uk; geminiexplorer.co.uk

Spynie Palace: historic-scotland.gov.uk - joint ticket for this and Elgin Cathedral are sometimes available at reduced entry costs.

Elgin Cathedral: Parts of the Cathedral date to the early 13th Century. Although partly ruined, it's still possible to climb one of the towers and enjoy views out over Elgin.

Biblical Gardens: These gardens sit behind a wall to the side of Elgin Cathedral. Identify plants mentioned in the Bible and look at statues depicting scenes from the parables!

Baxter's Highland Village, Fochabers: baxters.com - shopping, exhibitions and a restaurant serving enormous pancakes!

Duff House: duffhouse.org.uk - William Adam's 18th Century house in Banff, has extensive grounds and a fine collection of paintings on loan from the National Galleries of Scotland.

Walks: morayways.org.uk/moray-coast-trail - information on Moray Coastal Trail.

Golf: Local courses are - Strathlene Golf Club, strathlenegolfclub.co.uk, between Findochty and Buckie. Cullen Golf Club cullengolfclub.co.uk

Spey Bay: Signposted on the A96, West of Fochabers, this is situated at the mouth of the River Spey. Although not guaranteed, dolphin and osprey sightings are a frequent occurrence here. Free admission to exhibition area, shop and cafe.



Fishing: Sea fishing is available in the area. Tynet Trout Fishery, between Fochabers and Buckie do freshwater fishing. Telephone 01542 850411 for information.

Beaches: Burghead Bay is a lovely curved bay stretching 11 miles from Findhorn beach to Burghead but you might also enjoy the beaches at Hopeman, Lossiemouth and Cullen.

