



# FAMILY FUN IN AYRSHIRE

## ENJOY GREAT DAYS OUT

The whole family can enjoy great days out in Ayrshire and Arran. Whatever the weather, there is always something to do from dressing up in mediaeval armour to exploring secret forests and meeting some meerkats.



## DAY ONE

### HEADS OF AYR FARM PARK AND CULZEAN CASTLE AND COUNTRY ESTATE

South of Ayr on the A719 is the award-winning Heads of Ayr Farm Park. Here you can enjoy a whole load of exciting activities from amazing bumper boats to giant sand pits. In the animal zone, meet some of the exotic residents including llamas, monkeys, lemurs and cute meerkats.

Further along the A719 towards Maidens is Culzean Castle and Country Estate where there is always a huge amount to see and do. The Castle contains fine furniture, paintings and the impressive Armoury with its display of swords and pistols. Outside on the Estate, there are gardens, a deer park, hidden beaches, woodland walks and ponds to enjoy and explore.

## DAY TWO

### PIRATE PETE'S, AYR BEACH AND CRAFT DAFT

Pirate Pete's is a family entertainment centre situated in The Pavilion right on the seafront in Ayr. Established in 2004, Pirate Pete's has Scotland's biggest indoor adventure play area together with a mini championship putting course, traditional seafront tearoom and kids outdoor fun park – all you need for a great family day out come rain or shine!

Enjoy a walk along Ayr Seafront with its sandy beach and amazing views of Arran and the Heads of Ayr. For the more creative, head to the town centre and Craft Daft, a drop in craft studio offering a massive range of craft activities for all ages, abilities and budgets.

## DAY THREE

### KELBURN CASTLE AND MILLPORT

Between Fairlie and Largs on the A78 is Kelburn Castle and Country Centre. Set in 3500 acres of beautiful west coast countryside, there are hours of fun to be had in the adventure playground, the indoor Playbarn, pets' corner and falconry centre. Take time to explore the 'Secret Forest', woodland walks, glens and waterfalls.

Travel north to Largs and take the short fifteen minute ferry ride to the Isle of Cumbrae and the Victorian seaside town of Millport. Wander along the seafront and enjoy the town's sandy beaches and famous landmarks, including Crocodile Rock and Garrison House. For the more energetic, you can hire a bike and cycle around Cumbrae to enjoy the island's stunning panoramic views of the high peaks of Arran, the Isle of Bute, Dunoon and the Clyde sea lochs.

## DAY FOUR

### EGLINTON COUNTRY PARK AND THE SCOTTISH MARITIME MUSEUM

Just off the A78 near Irvine is Eglinton Country Park set in 400 acres of beautiful countryside. Enjoy the many cycling and walking routes through the Country Park and let the kids play in the new all ability play area with its different zones and activities. Make sure you take

time to visit the visitor centre and its interpretative display on the history of the park, and the Eglinton Tournament Cafe.

Heading back to Irvine, follow the signs for the Harbourside and visit the Scottish Maritime Museum. The museum has gone through a recent refurbishment and has a brand new Linthouse and interactive exhibition area. Enjoy tours of the Kyles, the oldest Clydebuilt vessel afloat.

## DAY FIVE

### KILMARNOCK AND DEAN CASTLE AND COUNTRY PARK

Head to Kilmarnock on the A77 and visit Dean Castle and Country Park in Kilmarnock, one of the town's most well-loved destinations. Covering over 200 acres, the country park boasts beautiful woodland walks, an adventure playground, pets' corner, visitor centre, tearoom, shop and fantastic 14th century castle. Explore the park using scenic paths or drop by the urban farm area to meet some of the residents. Take a free tour of the castle and find out what it's like to wear some real armour or have a go at playing some replica musical instruments.

## CONTACTS

Below are the addresses and contact details for each of the venues mentioned. Each attraction offers different opening times and admission charges and we would recommend that you contact each one before visiting.

**Heads of Ayr Farm Park**, Dunure Road, Ayr, KA7 4LD,  
tel: 01292 441210, [www.headsofayrfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.headsofayrfarmpark.co.uk)

**Culzean Castle and Country Park, National Trust for Scotland**,  
Maybole, KA19 8LE, tel: 0844 493 2149, [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

**Pirate Pete's**, The Pavillion, The Esplanade, Ayr, KA7 1EQ,  
tel: 01292 265300, [www.piratepetes.co.uk](http://www.piratepetes.co.uk)

**Craft Daft**, 2 Cow Wynd, Alloway Street, Ayr, KA7 1SP,  
tel: 01292 280844, [www.craft-daft.co.uk](http://www.craft-daft.co.uk)

**Kelburn Castle and Country Centre**, Fairlie, nr Largs, KA29 0BE,  
tel: 01475 568685, [www.kelburnestate.com](http://www.kelburnestate.com)

**Garrison House**, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0DE,  
tel: 01475 531381, [www.garrisonhousecumbrae.org.uk](http://www.garrisonhousecumbrae.org.uk)

**Eglinton Country Park**, Irvine, KA12 8TA,  
tel: 01294 551776, [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Scottish Maritime Museum**, Harbourside, Irvine, KA12 8QE,  
tel: 01294 278283, [www.scottishmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.scottishmaritimemuseum.org)

**Dean Castle and Country Park**, Dean Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1XB,  
tel: 01563 554734, [www.visiteastayrshire.com](http://www.visiteastayrshire.com)

## TRAVEL

**Caledonian MacBrayne**, [www.calmac.co.uk](http://www.calmac.co.uk), tel: 0800 066 5000

**Traveline Scotland**, [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com), tel: 0871 2002233

