

Saturday 6th September

Opening Gala Dinner at Guthrie Castle by Forfar, in the company of the Provosts of Angus & Dundee. After dinner speaker - Nick Barratt from TV's 'Who do you think you are?'



Sunday 7th September

Seminar on the impact of the Reformation in Scotland and the creation of the Established Church of Scotland. Sandwich lunch.

OPTION 1

Take a trip on the Caledonian Steam Railway, from Brechin to Bridge of Dun. Guided tour of House of Dun (National Trust for Scotland).



OPTION 2

Visit Arbroath to see how the fisher folk lived & how the 'smokie' is made. Includes visits to Arbroath Abbey, site of the Declaration of Arbroath and 'birthplace' of the modern concept of democracy, plus Signal Tower Museum.

Evening BBQ with entertainment.



Monday 8th September

Workshops on Tracing Your Ancestors (two venues):

OPTION 1

Session at Restenneth Priory in Angus, followed by conducted tours of Glamis Castle (childhood home of HRH The Queen Mother) and Angus Folk Museum – see how the farming folk lived and worked.

OPTION 2

Session in Dundee, followed by visit to Broughty Castle (exhibition on Dundee's whaling industry), and tour of 'Scott of the Antarctic' RRS Discovery.

Tuesday 9th September

Morning Seminar on Dundee industrial heritage with visit to Verdant Works – see how the jute workers lived and worked.

OPTION 1

Afternoon conducted tours of famous gravestones in Dundee Necropolis and The Howff, or visit country church graveyards in Angus. The Burial Records Service will be on hand to help delegates identify grave locations.

OPTION 2

Afternoon Workshop Session on Angus and Dundee family names, place names and local dialects – why there are marked changes in local dialects over short distances. Demonstrations (with delegate participation) on how your ancestors would have spoken.

Evening Civic Reception with light refreshments at Camperdown House, including a guided tour of the building. Opportunity for delegates to input to 'Gathering Stories' oral history sessions.

Wednesday 10th September

Visit to GlenEsk Museum and seminar on the impact of the 1715 and 1745 Jacobite Rebellions against the Crown ('father against son' and forfeit estates including Rob Roy MacGregor).

OPTION 1

Conducted Tour of the Cathedral City of Brechin, its 11th Century Round Tower, and Pictavia Exhibition (Land of the Picts).

OPTION 2

'Golf Heritage' Session at Panmure Golf Club. Find out how the game of golf was born here in Scotland.

Evening - traditional music workshop in Kirriemuir. Try your hand at playing some of Scotland's traditional musical instruments including the fiddle, accordion and bagpipes!



COME HOME TO YOUR

Ancestral Roots

at the Angus & Dundee

Thursday 11th September

Free day for individual sightseeing around the area – or perhaps a privately conducted ancestral tour to explore the places connected with your family's roots, in the company of a genealogist (at own cost).

Evening narrated film show with footage of Angus & Dundee in days gone by.

Friday 12th September

Short boat trip along the cliffs from Arbroath, or optional boat trip to Bell Rock Lighthouse.

Afternoon free.

Farewell Ceilidh with whisky-tasting and buffet supper.

Saturday 13th September

Depart for home, or extend your stay in Angus & Dundee!

Final programme subject to change.

7 night packages including accommodation from **£499**

Price includes accommodation based on twin share, bed and breakfast plus meals where indicated. Optional visits are included in package price. Non-accommodation packages also available.



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Roots Festival

6th - 13th Sept 2008



PROGRAMME

The Angus & Dundee Roots Festival will provide a focus for people whose ancestors came from Angus & Dundee to visit the area to find out more about their ancestral homeland, whilst at the same time forging new friendships with like-minded people from across the globe.

The Festival will include a packed programme of events with visits to ancestral sites, workshops, living history re-enactments, talks, demonstrations, film shows and much more!

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