



Inverness



General information

Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands acts as the hub for transport, administration and economic links in the north of Scotland.

One of the fastest growing cities in Europe it is well provisioned with [retail](#), [healthcare](#) and industrial sectors plus a booming tourist trade.

Within minutes of leaving the city it is possible to be surrounded by wide-open spaces and stunning scenery – most notably Loch Ness, which at around 23 miles long holds more fresh water than all the lakes of England and Wales combined.

The River Ness that flows out from Loch Ness winds through the heart of the city, providing tranquil riverside walks along its banks and [Ness Islands](#).

Transport links

Inverness's connections to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond are strong, with daily flights from the [airport](#) to London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Dublin and Amsterdam.

Regular rail services serve Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow, plus the [Caledonian Sleeper](#) runs overnight to London Euston six times per week.

By road it is 2.5 hours to Aberdeen, and access to the UK motorway network via Perth can be made in under 3 hours.

Travel times to Highland mountain regions – and their winter ski resorts – are also brief with Aviemore and the Cairngorms under an hour to the south-east and Ben Nevis just 70 miles to the south-east.

Ullapool and the West Coast can be reached in just over an hour.

Inverness Airport

The location of Inverness Airport 9 miles to the east of the city makes it ideally positioned for commuting in from the wider area.

Nearby seaside town Nairn is just 8 miles further to the east, while [Tornagrain](#) – the Highlands newest town – is under development just a few minutes to the south of the airport. Based on the principles of community involvement and emulating traditional Highland towns, Tornagrain offers a quality of life normally only found in more remote locations.

The area also boasts a selection of [schools](#) for all ages plus further and higher education provided by the [University of the Highlands and Islands](#).

The [development](#) of the area around the Moray Firth has been mapped out until 2031 for housing and commercial growth, and focusses on improving provision and infrastructure to make it an attractive place to live and work. Additionally, the [Inverness Airport Business Park](#) is set to expand greatly over coming years, with a new rail halt there due to be operational by 2020.

HIAL Head Office is based in the grounds of Inverness Airport, and supplies all the HR, Finance, IT, Communications and Senior Management functions for the organisation.

This is also where the in-house Training and Learning and Development departments are based, and HIAL is an [Investors in People](#) accredited company.