

# Cairngorms Castle

Region: Highlands   Sleeps: 16

## Overview

So who wouldn't enjoy feeling like a King or Queen of a Castle for a week? Cairngorms Castle offers you a once in a lifetime opportunity to do just that. You will create ever lasting memories in this classic Victorian castle located within the stunning 200 acre Cairngorms Castle Estate on the southern fringe of the astounding Cairngorms National Park. The Estate is situated in one of Scotland's most rugged and spectacularly beautiful glens. You can relax and unwind with friends and family in this fascinating, historic eight bedroomed castle.

Cairngorms Castle has a wonderful history which is all part of your experience. The first map showing a building on the site was published between 1747 and 1755. The origins of the estate appear to have been Cairngorms Cottage which was built as a hunting lodge and inhabited by the Shaw family from the late 1700's. Cairngorms Castle was built in the early 1860's, commissioned by Lord Clyde, Queen Victoria's banker and designed by Her Majesty's architect from Balmoral. The estate sold in 1867 at a traditional 'Roup' for a reduced price of £10,000 as advertised in the Times! Guests enjoy beautiful scenery and the freshest of air on this dreamy estate. You can fish for rainbow and brown trout or take a trip out on the estate's private loch in the five person dinghy or fish for salmon or stroll along the River Shee which runs through the estate. Skiers and snowboarders enjoy the close proximity of the famous Glenshee Snowsports Centre ten miles away and walkers love the sensational 64 mile Cateran Trail, the second stage of which passes through the estate. You can take a beautiful moorland route to the Tayside's highest point between Strathardle and Glenshee enjoying breathtaking views of the lush glens and rugged peaks. Cairngorms Castle is also a wonderful base for exploring the Cairngorms National Park with its choice of 55 Munros, four of which are the highest mountains in the UK. Those less active can enjoy the very scenic, spectacular drive along the 90 mile Snowroads stretch, starting at nearby Blairgowrie and driving to the Highland town of Grantown-on-Spey.

Guests enter this beautiful estate via a formal driveway which leads to the castle. As you walk through the imposing entrance of Cairngorms Castle and arrive in the spacious reception area you will feel the warm and welcoming ambience. This castle feels lived in and very comfortable. The main corridor runs the entire length of the ground floor with its traditional library, formal dining room, informal breakfast room, kitchen and drawing room running from it. The grand main staircase takes you to seven bedrooms and a small flight of stairs takes you to the remaining three bedrooms.

You will find very generous spaces filled with lavish furnishings, heavy drapes and wonderful artwork. Ancient nods from the past offer atmosphere and character. The library offers a wonderful selection of classic books and beautiful, traditional furnishings. The decor in every room is warm with lots of rich colour, all accessorised with tartans, quality drapes and beautiful ornaments, lamps and paintings. The formal dining room, in sunshine yellow,



boasts a magnificent table and chairs for all 20 guests. It provides spectacular views of the estate and enjoys access to the terrace. The informal yet stylish breakfast room leads to a brilliantly equipped, newly refurbished kitchen. It offers a fabulous range of appliances for delicious feasts and hearty Scottish breakfasts including two dishwashers, a glasswasher, two electric cookers, a microwave, coffee maker and a handy larder. The chefs in your group will enjoy the space though you may want to hire a private chef for some of your meals. At the far end of the corridor is the bright and airy drawing room where you can enjoy the Sunday newspapers, roaring fires and evening drinks. It is a wonderful, comfortable space with sumptuous sofas and fabulous estate views.

Upstairs you will discover seven spacious and beautifully finished bedrooms off the generous landing, five of which enjoy their own classical bathrooms. Three of the bedrooms also enjoy astounding views of the southern Cairngorms. A small flight of stairs takes you to three further bedroom suites, all with private bathrooms and astonishing countryside views. The master bedroom suite enjoys a fabulous four poster bed draped with gorgeous tartan and dressed with quality linens. There are two double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, two twins with a shared bathroom, four twins with en-suite bathrooms and one room boasting a superb zip and link bed that can be set up as a twin or a superking bed. It also enjoys an en-suite bathroom.

Outside this dreamy castle, you can enjoy the expansive, lush grassed garden with its delightful views over the pond and surrounding natural beauty. You can wander along the rivers and around the loch, fish, enjoy the dense forest and be captivated by the stunning mountain and heather views. You will enjoy much wildlife including roe deer which are especially popular with the young ones. The site of the castle is elevated in the heart of Glenshee overlooking the flat-water meadows of Shee Water which meander into the wooded vale. The views are simply astonishing.

Cairngorms Castle is within easy distance of Braemar, Pitlochry, Dundee and Perth. The peace, tranquility and beauty of this magical estate is perfect to refresh your mind, body and soul.

## Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Chateaux & Castles • Walking/Hiking Paths • Pets on Request • Special Offer • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Quirky (Unique) • Ideal for Teens • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Country Estate • Lakes and Mountains • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Satellite TV • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Drawing room with fireplace
- Library with selection of books
- Fully-equipped kitchen with two dishwashers, a glasswasher, two electric cookers, microwave, coffee maker and larder
- Dining room with seating for 20



## First Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds that can be made up as a superking, and en-suite with bath and hand shower.
- Bedroom with a superking sized bed, that can be divided into twin beds if requested, and ensuite with bath and hand shower.
- Bedroom with twin beds that can be made up as a superking, adjacent small sitting room with a double-sized sofa bed, and bathroom with bath and hand shower located just outside bedroom.
- Bedroom with a double bed in a lovely four poster frame with drapes, and en-suite with corner bath and hand shower.
- Bedroom with twin beds that can be made up as a superking.
- Bedroom with twin beds that can be made up as a superking.
- Bathroom with a bath with hand shower.

## Second Floor

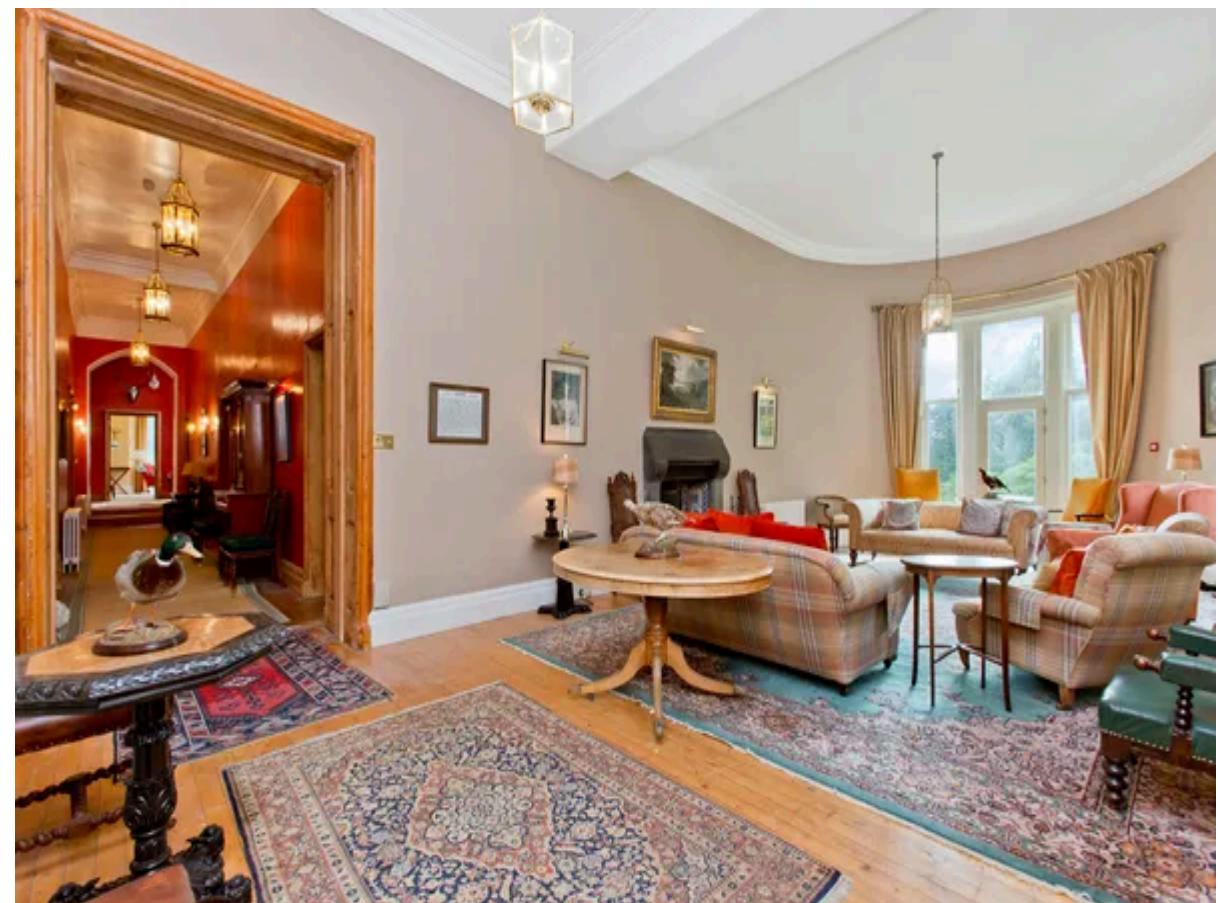
- Private suite, with 2 bedrooms divided with privacy drapes:
- Bedroom with double bed.
- Bedroom with twin beds.
- Family bathroom that has a bath with hand shower.

## Exterior Grounds

- Terrace
- Large gardens
- Pond

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Washing machine
- Travel cot, highchair and stairgate available on request
- Starter pack of logs
- Parking for 8 cars



## Location & Local Information

The magnificent Cairngorms Castle is located in the heart of Glenshee, a spectacular glen. Its elevated position above the meadows of Shee Water offers the most breathtaking mountain scenery and very fresh air. It is situated on the southern fringe of the Cairngorms National Park, just 2 hours from Edinburgh and Glasgow. Glenshee translates as 'The Valley of Peace' and is known fondly by the locals as 'the fairy glen'. The area is famous for its fantastic variety of activities including walking, angling, shooting, golf, cycling and also winter sports. Mountain biking, falconry and pony trekking are also available. The fantastic Glenshee Snowsports Centre is just ten miles from the castle. If that is not enough to get the adrenaline flowing, Nae Limits offer an impressive range of water and land adventures including white water rafting, river tubing and quad biking.

The scenery is absolutely spectacular. The 64 mile Caterlan Trail passes through the estate and takes you to the highest point of the trail with sensational panoramic views of the mountain peaks and deep green glens. The Cairngorms National Park offers scenic drives and 55 Munroes to climb. They are ideal for beginners and experienced hill walkers alike. Kayakers and canoeists enjoy the challenging network of rivers. Instructor led beginner sessions can be arranged.

Golfers are not left out. There are over 100 fantastic courses including Braemar, the highest course in Scotland and possibly the most beautiful. The Cairngorm Mountains rise up each side of the course. The championship courses at Rosemount and Blairgowrie and the world famous Gleneagles, St Andrews and Caroustie are all within easy reach.

The Cairngorms Castle Estate enjoys a fishing stretch of just under a mile with excellent salmon and trout fishing for novice and experienced fishers on the River Shee. The Shee Water is located at the head of the River Ericht tributary of the whole Tay system and has had a consistently strong run for 40 years. The Ericht has a fish



counter on it which regularly sees 10,000 to 15,000 fish through in a season which usually runs from May to August. There is also rainbow and brown trout fishing in the estate's private loch with the estate's dinghy available for guests to enjoy.

Another popular excursion is a trip to a distillery. Gin lovers adore the Persie Gin Distillery which is just six miles from the castle. Chocoholics can treat themselves at the award-winning Chocolatier Iain Burnett's gift shop.

The nearby towns of Blairgowrie and Pitlochry are very attractive. They are an easy drive and offer excellent amenities and plenty of attractions, including the Fish Ladder and Festival Theatre in Pitlochry.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Dundee Airport</b> (51km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Blairgowrie Golf Club</b> (27km)
Nearest Restaurant	<b>The Kirky Bar &amp; Restaurant</b> (14km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Tesco Superstore, Blairgowrie</b> (24km)
Nearest Town/City	<b>Blairgowrie</b> (24km)
Nearest Village	<b>Kirkmichael</b> (14km)

## What we love

- The location of Cairngorms Castle is incredibly beautiful with mountain, glen and river views and sensational scope for activity based holidays. You can fish on the estate and enjoy hill walking, winter sports, golf, canoeing, kayaking and much more!
- It is like going back in time staying in an ancient castle with its incredible history and amazing, stately rooms. The castle is warmly decorated and extremely comfortable
- The castle can sleep up to 20 guests. We also feature the other five properties on the estate so you can book for up to 47 guests if you have a special celebration with a large crowd!

## What you should know...

- There are additional charges for fishing and using the estate dinghy. Please let our Concierge Team know if you are interested in these or any other activities as they can be pre-arranged
- Only two of the ten bedrooms share a bathroom in the castle. There is no queuing to get ready in the mornings or evenings!
- Guests are welcome to take up to two well-behaved furry friends for a small fee

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 charged to the client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to a full inspection
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 pm
- **Departure time:** 10.00 am
- **Energy costs included?**: Yes, included in the rental price
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes, included in the rental price
- **Pets welcome?**: A maximum of 2 well-behaved dogs are allowed for an additional charge of £35 per dog, per stay. Please request at the time of booking
- **Changeover day:** Friday or Monday
- **End of stay cleaning available?**: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit
- **Smoking Allowed?**: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted
- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 3-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates
- **Internet access?**: Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price
- **EPC Rating:** F