

Ross-shire Hall

Region: Highlands **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

The grand country mansion house, Ross-shire Hall is the perfect place to celebrate a special occasion with family or friends. This incredible Grade II listed building, dating back to the 1700's, has been brought back to life by the current owners and offers luxurious comforts as well as characterful nods to its fascinating past. It is documented in the village records that President Franklin D Roosevelt and Eleanor spent part of the honeymoon staying at the house. This magical building stands proud in six acres of glorious gardens and woodland near the village of Evanton in the Scottish Highlands. Its location is perfect for day trips to the Cairngorms, Caithness and Sutherland, the west coast of Scotland, the beautiful Black Isle and the gentle shores of Loch Ness. It is a great base for exploring the popular NC500 route while offering total tranquility and seclusion. This unspoiled area of natural beauty is home to much wildlife and you are likely to see pheasant and deer in the garden and buzzards and red kites flying above. There are opportunities for fishing, shooting, cycling, horse riding, watersports, white water rafting, quad biking, dolphin spotting and sea kayaking. You can visit whisky and gin distilleries, enjoy some serious fine dining and most of all, you can rest, recuperate and indulge yourselves in this oasis of gracious and glorious living deep within the Scottish Highlands.

As soon as you start your drive through the well-tended grounds of Ross-shire Hall and approach this beautiful building with its turrets, grand outer staircase and immense character, you know you are in for a treat. With seven beautifully presented bedroom suites, three reception rooms and a large kitchen, Ross-shire Hall is wonderful for family and friend get togethers. You will relax in the atmospheric, panelled drawing room in front of a blazing fire, dine like royalty and dive deep into slumber in the crispest of cottons and softest of duvets. There are



many special touches including fresh flowers throughout the house, magazines and books, board games and toys for the little ones and organic Scottish toiletries in the bathrooms. Discreet, complimentary daily housekeeping is a joy and there are some excellent catering options. For an additional charge, the owner chef Graham is happy to cook for you by prior arrangement using delicious fresh local ingredients. You can choose from waitressed formal dinners for special occasions, a full week of catering, traditional Scottish breakfasts, picnics or meals ready to be served by yourselves at the end of a busy day. You can also pre-order a drinks package for your holiday. Please just enquire at the time of booking for further information. It is easy to see why Ross-shire Hall has been awarded five stars from the Scottish Tourist Board for more than eighteen years. Ross-shire Hall is a fabulously unique venue for any holiday or special occasion.

The outdoor steps take you to the entrance hall and living spaces on the first floor. The drawing room is the perfect place for pre-dinner drinks or a late-night dram of whisky in front of the fire. With panelling all around, gorgeous window seats and sumptuous sofas, it is a great spot. The dining area is also lovely with plenty of character and classic styling. Next to the drawing room is the sitting room, a lovely space where you can disappear with a pot of tea and the Sunday newspapers. On the lower ground floor, you will discover the third reception room where you can relax watching a movie on Netflix or playing family games. The kitchen is absolutely fabulous with both an Aga and a range cooker. It is perfect for self-catering or else you can let someone else take over and enjoy your break away from the oven. There is a handy breakfast table too.

There are four bedrooms on the upper floor and three on the lower ground floor. They all enjoy superior super king-size beds, four of which can be set up as twin beds. In addition, there are a number of cots and pull out beds for young children that can be used. Every bedroom enjoys its own en-suite bathroom. The bedrooms are elegant, spacious havens where you will enjoy sumptuous furnishings and beautiful garden views. Some enjoy neutral decor while others enjoy bright colour pop feature

walls that match the rugs on the floor and other warm accessories. Each bedroom enjoys its own character and every guest will be delighted with their room. The bathrooms are beautifully maintained, with a mix of baths and showers.

Ross-shire Hall sits in six acres of fabulous gardens and woodland. With fragrant, colourful borders, lush lawns and towering, ancient trees, there are so many beautiful spots for picnics, family games and quiet moments with your holiday books. There is a gas barbecue for alfresco dining and the only noise you may hear is the soft hoot of an owl.

Facilities

Watersports • Waterfront • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Fishing • Walking/Hiking Paths • Lakes and Mountains • Weddings • Canoeing/Kayaking • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Hairdryer • Licensed for Marriage • Rural Location • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • Manor • DVD • Beach Nearby • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Country Estate • Animal farm • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • AGA • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Lower Ground Floor

- Television room
- Cloakroom
- Bedroom with super-king double or twin beds and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super-king double or twin beds and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super-king double or twin beds and en-suite shower room

Main Floor

- Front hall
- Spacious wood-panelled living & dining room with two open fires
- Sitting room with open fire
- Fully-equipped kitchen with two dishwashers, AGA, microwave, Gas cooker & fridge/freezer
- Cloakroom

First Floor

- Bedroom with super-king bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super-king bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super-king double or twin beds and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with super-king double or twin beds and en-suite bathroom

Exterior Grounds

- 6 acres of gardens & woodland
- Seating for 14
- Large gas barbecue
- Garden games

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi (satellite internet)
- Smart TV
- Washing machine
- Complimentary toiletries
- White waffle dressing gowns
- Hairdryers
- Children's equipment including: a wooden cot, low children's beds, highchairs, baby bath, booster seats, sterilizer, pushchair, toys & books are available on request
- Ample log supply
- Parking



Location & Local Information

Ross-shire Hall enjoys a fabulous location close to the village of Evanton, 15 miles north of Inverness, 4 miles south west of Alness and 6 miles north east of Dingwall. Evanton enjoys the Fyrish monument, the Black Rock Gorge and a good selection of shops, restaurants and cafes. Those that love shopping can fill their suitcases with cashmere knits, woollens, tweeds, glassware, ceramics, jewellery, art, antiques, cheese, chocolate, gin and whisky, all bought locally.

The location makes it very easy to visit quiet Highland beaches, lush green landscapes brimming with waterfalls, challenging hills and mountains and historic buildings. A day trip to Aviemore, an hour from the house, brings the thrills of white water rafting, skiing, quad biking, an aerial adventure course and various watersports. Those that love the water can take a RIB boat trip to spot dolphins in the Cromarty Firth or on Loch Ness. You can also canoe on the River Beaulay or sea kayak in the Firth. If you want to enjoy a fishing session, you will be delighted to find picturesque locations on the River Alness or the Conon with excellent trout and salmon fishing. Guided fishing trips and hire of equipment can all be arranged. There are also fantastic golf courses within easy reach of Ross-shire Hall including Royal Dornoch, Castle Stewart and Fortrose and Rosemarkie. Clay Pigeon shoots can be arranged on the Brahan Estate, 20 minutes away.

The Ross-shire countryside is beautiful. The house sits close to the Cromarty Firth and The Black Isle. A few minutes walk up from the house brings you to sensational views of the majestic Ben Wyvis and further, the serene beauty of Loch Glass. Black Rock Gorge is just a short stroll from the house, famous as its featured in the film Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

Dornoch is just under an hour away with its stunning cathedral, its breathtaking sandy beach, its Royal Dornoch Golf course and its wonderful shops, restaurants and bars. The links golf course has been played on since the 16th century. You might like to take a look in The Carnegie



Whisky Cellars while you are there. On the way there or on the way back, you may like to stop at the Whisky Distillery at Glenmorangie or at the famous ANTA Pottery and Tain Pottery studios.

A trip to Loch Ness is popular. There you can enjoy a boat cruise, stopping at the ruins of Urquhart Castle. The Black Isle is also beautiful with plenty of quaint seaside villages, smoked fish shops, craft shops and cute cafes as well as its own Black Isle Brewery where you can stop and taste the beer. Other trips that guests enjoy are to the west coast and in particular, the picturesque town of Ullapool, Caithness and the Castle of Mey and Dunrobin Castle.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Inverness (30 minute drive)
Nearest Bar/Pub	The Balconie Inn Evanton (4 km)
Nearest Beach	Evanton Beach (8 km)
Nearest Golf	Alness Golf Club (9 km)
Nearest Restaurant	The Storehouse (8 km)
Nearest Town/City	Dingwall (11 km)
Nearest Train Station	Dingwall (11km)
Nearest Village	Evanton (4 km)

What we love

- Ross-shire Hall sits in six acres of exquisite gardens and woodland. It is a wonderfully peaceful location, full of wildlife, beauty and gorgeous views
- The house has been brilliantly restored and renovated. It offers luxurious modern amenities while retaining its ancient character
- The location is brilliant with easy access to The Black Isle, Dornoch, the west coast, the NC500 and Inverness
- Those looking for an active holiday can easily enjoy watersports, hiking, biking, skiing, golf, fishing, shooting and much more from Ross-shire Hall
- Though you can book this wonderful property on a self-catering basis, on request and for an additional charge, the owner chef offers various catering options including special celebration meals, full Scottish breakfasts, picnics, a fully catered service or everyday dinners that are prepared and ready to pop in the oven. The choice is yours!
- Enjoy a really special stay with luxury toiletries and dressing gowns, fresh flowers, a library, board games, children's toys and equipment

What you should know...

- Please let us know if you are interested in any of the catering options or if you will cater for yourselves. The property owners can also arrange drinks packages that will be at the house ready for you
- Every bedroom at Ross-shire Hall comes with its own en-suite bathroom. There are cots and pull out beds for young children available if required and some of the bedrooms can be set up as twins rather than with super king-size beds. Please let us know in advance
- If you want to arrange activities or experiences, please make arrangements prior to your holiday

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 or £1,000 for wedding groups which is to be refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure
- **Arrival time:** 4pm
- **Departure time:** 10am
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price
- **Pets welcome?:** No pets
- **Changeover day:** Flexible
- **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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking
- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 2-night minimum stay, this may be increased across peak dates
- **Internet access?:** Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price
- **Property Licence Number:** HI-20032-F