Caledonian Lodge

Region: Highlands **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

Nestled deep within the breathtaking Scottish Highlands, Caledonian Lodge offers an unparalleled escape into nature's untamed beauty. Set within a 23,000-acre wilderness reserve, this stunning property is surrounded by dramatic landscapes of rugged hills, ancient forests, and sparkling rivers. It's a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, with golden eagles soaring above, red squirrels darting through the trees, and the occasional glimpse of a deer or even the elusive Scottish wildcat. A true sanctuary for those seeking serenity and adventure, it's a nature lover's dream come to life.

Steeped in history, this Victorian Manor—dating back to 1877—has been exquisitely refurbished by Laura Ashley, blending classic charm with luxurious, traditional interiors. Ideal for family reunions, special celebrations, corporate retreats, or even unforgettable weddings, the Lodge comfortably accommodates up to fourteen guests across seven beautifully appointed en-suite bedrooms. With a fully catered service, every need is effortlessly met, allowing guests to fully unwind in this extraordinary setting.

The grand drawing room, with its inviting warmth, is perfect for relaxing, while the formal dining room is a beautiful space for memorable meals. Guests can indulge in a game of snooker, rejuvenate in the sauna, or work out in the home gym. For added convenience, there's a charming double bedroom with an en-suite shower on the ground floor, making the Lodge accessible to all guests. Upstairs, the remaining luxurious bedrooms offer comfort and privacy in the midst of nature's magnificence.

Beyond the Lodge, adventure awaits. Explore the vast, untamed wilderness with guided hikes, mountain biking, or clay pigeon shooting. And for those who appreciate fine spirits, whisky tastings are on hand to further elevate your stay. At Caledonian Lodge, every moment promises a unique blend of tranquility and excitement, making it a perfect getaway for those seeking a true Highland experience.







Facilities

Ideal for Parties • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Stag/Hen Allowed • Recommended • EV Charger • Fishing • Cycling • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Golf Nearby • Chef/Cook Included • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Wow Factor • Quirky (Unique) • Manor • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Included • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Country Estate • Lakes and Mountains • Decorated for Christmas • Rural Location • Northern Lights Viewing • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Spa/Massage • Pool/Snooker • Laptop Friendly

Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Conference Venue • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Gym/Fitness Room • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Animal farm • Heating • Conference Facilities • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Kid-friendly excursions • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Breakfast Included • Children's videos/DVDs • Catered • Bikes • Mountain bikes • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

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Ground Floor
- Entrance hall
- Drawing room with fireplace and grand piano
- Snooker room with full-size table
- Dining room with seating for 14
- Meeting/conference room with seating for 10
- Gym
- Sauna
- Spa treatment rooms
- Cloakroom
- "Pine" bedroom with small double bed and en-suite shower room

First Floor (all of the below bedrooms can be set up as twin rooms, please request at time of booking)
- "Willow" bedroom with king size bed, sitting area and en-suite bathroom
- "Rowan" bedroom with king size bed and en-suite bathroom
- "Birch" bedroom with king size bed and en-suite shower room
- "Holly" bedroom with king size bed and en-suite shower room
- "Alder" bedroom with king size bed and en-suite bathroom
- "Aspen" bedroom with king size bed and en-suite bathroom

Exterior Grounds
- Set on a reserve with 23,000 acres to explore
- Dining facilities
- Pickleball court
- Various bookable on-site outdoor activities available (please see 'Extras' tab)

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi
- TV in every bedroom
- Hairdryer in every bedroom
- Selection of board games, books & DVDs
- Cot(s) & highchair(s) available
- Plenty of parking
- Electric vehicle charging point *(compatible with Nissan Leaf, Tesla Model X, Tesla Model 3, Jaguar i-Pace, VW e-Golf, BMW i3 and Kia Soul EV, Defender)*

***2 high-end cottages are available for those travelling in larger groups, the first sleeps up to 8 guests, while the second can accommodate a maximum of 4.*









Location & Local Information

Caledonian Lodge, nestled within a Highland Wilderness Reserve, offers a picturesque escape in the heart of the Scottish Highlands for those looking to unwind from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Surrounded by forests, mountains, and rivers, this idyllic location boasts breathtaking views and abundant wildlife. Guests can engage in various outdoor activities, including fabulous walks through the glen, mountain biking, foraging, wild swimming in pristine ponds, and off-roading on 4x4 tours. For ultimate relaxation, wellness facilities are available, offering yoga sessions and sound bathing experiences.

If you venture out, the nearby village of Ardgay is just half an hour away. Slightly further, Dornoch features a beautiful cathedral, sandy beach, and the historic Royal Dornoch Golf Course, where golf has been played since the 16th century. Guests can explore local distilleries like Glenmorangie or visit the unique Carnegie Whisky Cellars. Horse lovers will enjoy the Hollingwells Equestrian Centre, which offers equestrian tuition and scenic treks.

For thrill-seekers, a day trip to Aviemore provides opportunities for white-water rafting, quad biking, and skiing. Loch Ness and the Black Isle offer additional adventures, including boat cruises and charming seaside villages to explore. Experience the ultimate Highland escape at Caledonian Lodge, where adventure and relaxation await!

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Inverness Airport (78km)**
Nearest Golf	**Bonar Bridge,Ardgay Golf Club (20 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Dornoch (41km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Ardgay Shop (19km)**









Nearest Town/City	**Dornoch (41.8km)**
Nearest Village	**Ardgay (19km)**

What we love

- The views from the Lodge are truly mesmerising. The reserve is brimming with hills, rivers, mountains, wildlife and forests where you can explore the real wildness of the Highlands.
- The Lodge is fully catered which means you can focus on relaxing and enjoying both the wonderful surroundings and your loved ones!
- Each of the seven well-appointed bedrooms comes with its very own en-suite bathroom, perfect for couples wanting to retain a little privacy.

What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms is located on the ground floor and so would be better suited to a guest with a mobility difficulties.
- The home offers complete tranquility, however it is very remote and so your nearest town is a good car journey away! We also recommend that you have a 4-wheel drive to get around the Reserve during your stay.
- For groups larger than 14 people, two high-end cottages also on the Reserve are available. Highland Retreat (https://www.oliverstravels.com/britain-ireland/scotland/highlands/highland-retreat/) sleeps up to 8, whilst Glen Rest (https://www.oliverstravels.com/britain-ireland/scotland/highlands/glen-rest/) can accommodate up to 4.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 to be collected by the owner prior to arrival and 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?:** Caledonian Lodge is located within a nature and wildlife reserve. To protect local habitats, we do not generally encourage dogs or other pets on the reserve. However, exceptions may be made upon request. Dogs must be well behaved and toilet trained, and must say out of the staff areas, drawing room or bedrooms, to protect any guests or staff with dog allergies. There is also an additional cleaning fee to cover the extra cleaning requirements of £200 per dog per stay. Please enquire at the time of booking.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Included in the rental price is a private chef, all meals, all non-alcoholic drinks, service, housekeeping, lodge facilities and Wi-Fi. Alcoholic drinks need to be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Please enquire if you would like any further information.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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 is permitted outdoors only. Please dispose of waste responsibly.

- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 7-night minimum stay

- **Internet access?:** Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Yes, on request. Please enquire at time of booking.