

Scotland for all the Family



A 10-day family stay surrounded by breathtaking Highland landscape, Candacraig is a magnificent 17th century baronial mansion located in a 16k acre estate in the Cairngorms National Park. The impressive mansion includes 12 bedrooms, formal dining room and whisky library.

This is the perfect stay for all the family where you can explore glorious scenery, acres of private woodland, a Victorian walled garden, and a range of activities on the doorstep. This stay will create unforgettable memories and a true experience of the 'Real Scotland.'

Itinerary

Day 1	Arrive in Edinburgh
Day 2	Transfer to Candacraig
Day 3	Explore Candacraig
Day 4	Royal Deeside
Day 5	Outdoor Activities
Day 6	Speyside
Day 7	Hiking
Day 8	Highland Fun and Games
Day 9	St. Andrews and Edinburgh
Day 10	Departure

Highlights

- Chefs and house staff with butler turn down service
- Private guided tour around Edinburgh Castle and the city
- Private tour of Balmoral Castle
- Fishing, farm visit, falconry display and mountain biking
- Design your family tweed or tartan
- Dinner at the splendid 5* Fife Arms
- Royal Lochnagar Distillery Tour, Macallan Distillery and Speyside Cooperage
- Whisky food safari
- Hosted highland fun and games
- Burns supper and Ceilidh

Full Itinerary



Day 1: Arrive in Edinburgh

You will be greeted at arrivals by your private coach driver, who will take you into the city to check in to your hotel. The remainder of the day will be spent enjoying a privately guided tour around Edinburgh with a visit to the Castle.



Day 2: Transfer to Candacraig

Travel to Candacraig. After lunch in the drawing room, make use of the 4x4 7 seater Discoveries available during your stay. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the whisky library before dinner in the dining room, the perfect setting for a Scottish highland dining experience where you and your family can try on kilts.

Day 3: Exploring Candacraig

After a leisurely breakfast, the gardener will take you on a guided tour of the historical garden, where hardy plants that can withstand harsh Scottish winters explode in a wonderful array of greenery and colourful flowers. Enjoy lunch in the garden while the children play games before an afternoon of activities that include; mountain biking, mushroom foraging and a falconry display on the lawn.

Finish your day of outdoor activities with the chef's BBQ wood fired feast in the woodland area of the garden showcasing the best local produce.



Day 4: Royal Deeside

Enjoy a private tour of Balmoral Castle, the Royal family holiday home then take a break with a delicious coffee and lunch at Tarmachan Café in Crathie. Spend the afternoon visiting Lochnagar distillery, a single malt scotch whisky distillery. The distillery was awarded its Royal Warrant in 1848 when the owner invited Prince Albert to visit from nearby Balmoral Castle.

After a casual dinner by the roaring fire, you will take a journey of discovery through a selection of whiskies in the comfort of the drawing room and whisky library.



Day 5: Outdoor Activities

Start your day with a fishing trip and visit to local farm, Semeil. You will see many animals including deer, highland cows and Norwegian fjord horses. Work with a local textile artist who will spend time with your family to create a bespoke family tweed or tartan. The result in colours and patterns will reflect the stories and most treasured memories of your family.

Enjoy an exquisite dinner at the 5* Fife Arms Hotel in Braemar, an award winning former Victorian coaching inn. Local and seasonal produce will be served surrounded by over 14,000 pieces of art and antique furniture.



Day 6: Speyside

Begin your day at the Macallan distillery, surrounded by a 485 acre estate with Elchies House at its heart – the most iconic Whisky distillery in Scotland at the moment. Visit Speyside Cooperage and enjoy a journey through the lifecycle of the cask, see the highly skilled coopers at work. Next, take a trip to Elgin and visit 2 of the most iconic Scottish institutions, Gordon Macphail, independent whisky bottlers since 1895 and Johnston of Elgin, producers of luxury textiles since 1797.

Back at Candacraig enjoy a family pizza night! A mobile pizza unit will come to the garden for an informal dinner, Italian style with Scottish ingredients!



Day 7: Hiking

Immerse yourselves in majestic highland scenery on the Muick circular walk enjoying one of Queen Victoria's favourite spots. For lunch the house staff will deliver a picnic of local pies, sandwiches and freshly prepared cakes to be enjoyed at the end of the walk with a warming soup and a dram on the shore of Loch Muick.

For this evenings meal, Gillie Basan, a well known cookery writer will share her techniques and food stories at Candacraig. She will prepare a wonderful meal with locally sourced ingredients where each course is paired with the right dram.



Day 8: Highland Fun and Games

A day filled with activities on the lawns at Candacraig including archery, laser clay shooting and highland games with a break for lunch in the garden.

Your final night will be one to remember with predinner drinks in the whisky library and a Burns supper in the formal dining room. After dinner, a local ceilidh band will entertain you in the drawing room – whisky will continue to flow in the whisky library for those who seek a quiet respite from the dancing. A photographer will also be there to capture the last evening and everyone dressed up in their kilts and finery.



Day 9: St Andrews and Edinburgh

Enjoy a private scenic coach transfer to Edinburgh, via St Andrews and the fishing villages of Fife. On arrival to Edinburgh, you will be checked back in to the Crowne Plaza and the remainder of your day will be spent at your leisure, exploring the cobbled streets of the Old Town, or perusing the shops in the New Town.

Day 10: Departure

Unfortunately it is time to say farewell, and your private coach will take you to the airport where you will return home after a trip to Scotland that your family will never forget.