



ROTHES GLEN
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Home of the whisky connoisseur



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Welcome to Rothes Glen

Situated at the head of the glen, Rothes Glen is in a picture-perfect position, in the heart of Speyside, offering breath-taking views down the glen. Built by the Dunbar-Dunbar family in 1893 and designed by the famous whisky architect Charles Chree Doig, Rothes Glen is an iconic baronial style Highland castle.

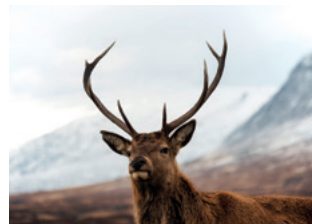
Rothes Glen has fourteen king size en suite bedrooms and one accessible bedroom suite, a stunning drawing-room and dining-room, breakfast room, library, snooker room, tasting room, whisky vault and tower room. Set within 11 acres of grounds and an idyllic lochan, there are outdoor terraces, heated kennels and sporting rooms to ensure guests can enjoy the best of Speyside's magnificent scenery.

Situated equidistant between Inverness and Aberdeen airports and rail stations, the house also has a helipad in the meadow, ensuring we are easily accessible however you choose to travel.

All guests are cared for by our Rothes Glen host and team and dining is led by our in-house, award-winning chef. Visitors can access a full range of Speyside experiences from the finest distilleries to fishing, shooting, walking and much more. Whether its opulence or comfort, luxury feasting or outdoor adventure, Rothes Glen is the ideal place to enjoy the very best Scottish hospitality in the heart of whisky country.

We have been captivated by Speyside for many years and hope you enjoy Rothes Glen as much as we do. Please let us know what we can do to ensure your visit is truly memorable.

Damian Riley-Smith



The House

Extensively refurbished to the highest specifications during 2020 and 2021, Rothes Glen is a luxury exclusive use castle with accommodation for up to thirty guests. Our fully-staffed house can cater to your every need from traditional Highland banquets to picnics by the lochan and bespoke activities in the local area and we pride ourselves on never saying no.





The Ground Floor

As you walk in the main entrance you cannot help but be stunned by the opulent hall with its Italian mosaic floor, crystal chandelier and sweeping staircase, all lit by the stain-glass laylight. The Hall leads you to all our reception rooms packed with antiques, oil paintings and character.

We haven't forgotten what the modern world has to offer and have excellent wi-fi beamed across the glen, with newly refitted electricity and plumbing throughout. There are formal drawing and dining-rooms, a library, large snooker room, tasting room and whisky vault as well as a magnificent newly refurbished kitchen and breakfast room. All the reception rooms have huge original windows with fabulous views, open fireplaces and panelled ceilings and are furnished to the very highest standard.

Whether you're feasting in the dining-room, playing snooker with friends or enjoying a dram and the beautiful views, Rothes Glen is the perfect place to unwind and relax as well as conduct business. Our kitchen is run by our wonderful chef Alan Robertson and dining can be in the sublime grand dining-room, informal breakfast room, or when weather permits, on our outdoor terraces (that doesn't exclude bespoke picnics, sumptuous cream teas or light lunches which can be served wherever you choose). In the centre of the house is a large courtyard which includes extensive seating and heaters, a game larder, stores for shooting, fishing and outdoor games, and a heated dog kennels.

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Ground Floor

The Bedrooms: 1st and 2nd Floor

Our 14 en suite king size bedrooms have been fully refurbished and all are marvellously generous in size. Each bedroom is different and has been lovingly furnished and decorated to reflect the character of the house. Every bedroom has a king size bed, crisp cotton sheets and goose-down bedding and an abundance of fluffy white towels and toiletries. The beds are of the highest quality so whether you are in a four-poster or velvet sleigh bed a good night's rest is inevitable.



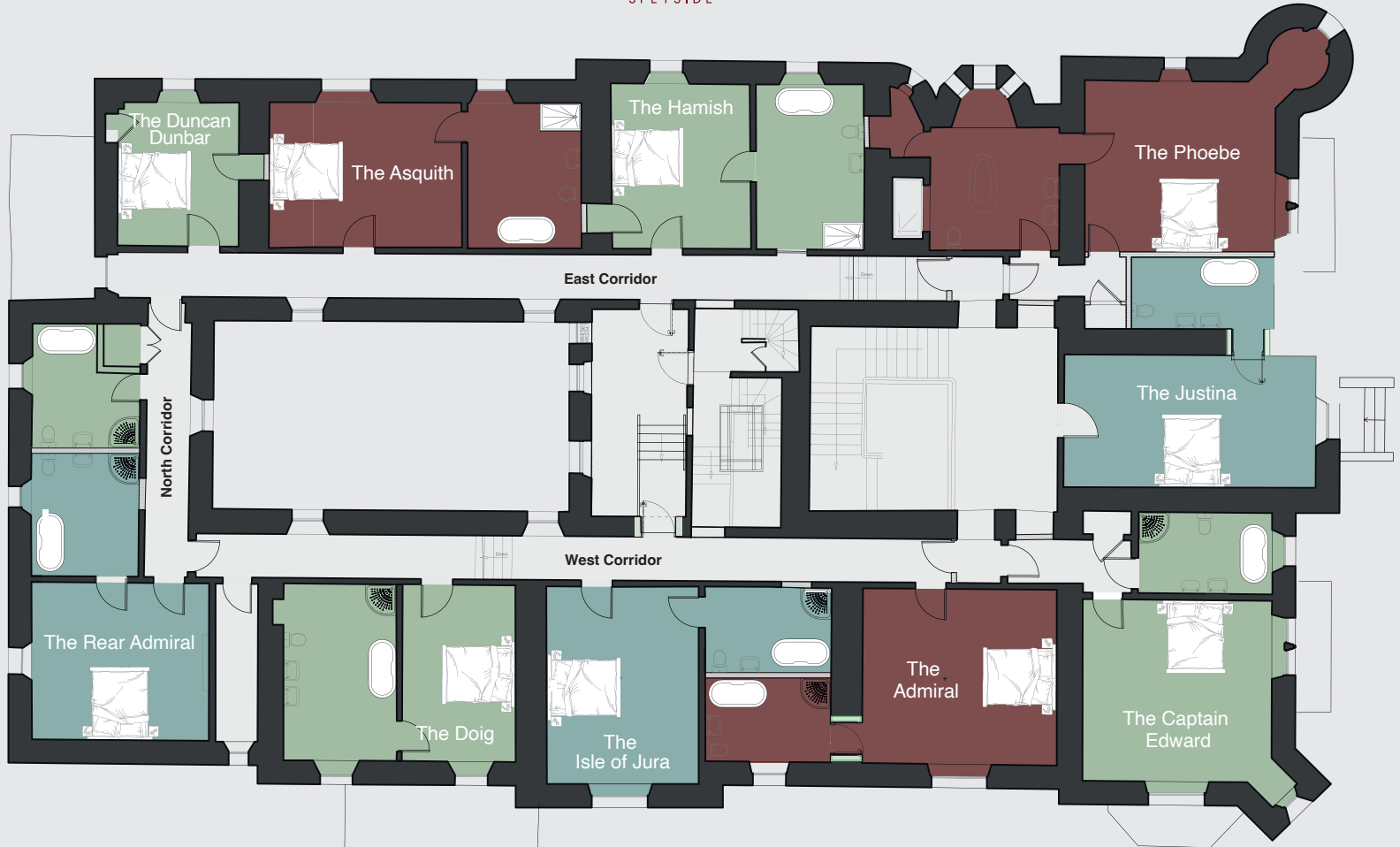
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All our furniture and furnishings have been sourced from local antique shops, auction houses and the very best local companies such as Johnston’s of Elgin. Each bedroom has a large bathroom with under-floor heating, heated towel rail, huge shower and large bath with delicious white fluffy robes and views to die for. There are ten grand bedrooms on the first floor, and a further four on the second floor, with an accessible bedroom suite on the ground floor if required.





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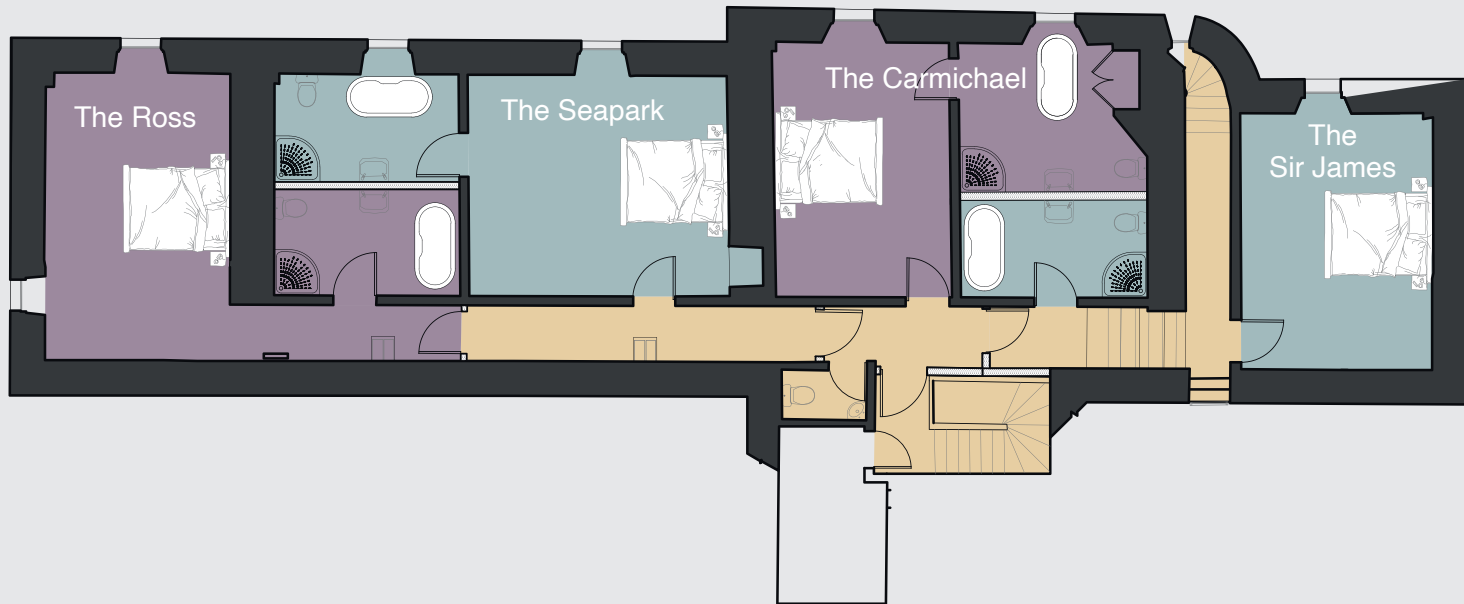


First Floor

Top Floor

As you climb the winding staircase to the very top of the Rothes Glen tower you reach our new whisky observatory. Wood panelled to mimic the inside of a whisky washback you can sit and enjoy the stunning views with a dram and telescope or read next to the fire in one of our tweed armchairs.





Second and Third Floors



The Grounds

The gardens and grounds of Rothes Glen are extensive and private and have been lovingly restored and improved since we bought the house in 2019. The castle is approached by a long cherry tree lined driveway, and we are surrounded by formal gardens, a stunning meadow with magnificent specimen trees and a private lochan. The formal private gardens include a terrace rose garden, mosaic topiary garden and extensive lawns for croquet, games or relaxing on one of our sun loungers.



There is a large terrace and fountain furnished with garden table and chairs and large firepit, ideal for outdoor dining or barbecues, or just enjoying the Speyside sunshine. The formal gardens are surrounded by a beech hedge, and you can stroll down the steps in to the gorgeous meadow towards the lochan, complete with rowing boat, fed by the Granty Burn. If you're lucky you may spot our local osprey, red squirrels, pine martens or resident deer dashing in and out of the trees. Whether its snowdrops and daffodils in the spring, or rhododendrons and lilies in the summer, the gardens and grounds are idyllic all year round, reflecting the grandeur of Rothes Glen and the beauty of the surrounding scenery.



“...stroll down the steps in to the gorgeous meadow towards the lochan”

The Rothes Glen Team

Rothes Glen is fully staffed by our friendly local team who will look after your every need during your stay. Our House Manager will arrange every detail, from transport and dining to fully bespoke trips and excursions. Our in-house chef will prepare delicious breakfasts, lunches, teas and dinners using the very best locally sourced fresh produce. We have extensive menus for you to choose from, however he is always happy to accommodate requests.

Our fabulous housekeepers not only ensure the house is immaculate and serviced daily, they all have a wealth of experience and can look after any needs you may have. Our groundsman and outdoor staff are always on hand should you require outdoor expertise, and ghillies and guides are ready and waiting from local estates should they be required.

Damian Riley-Smith, who owns Rothes Glen, is also the founder and owner of Whisky Magazine and has used his wealth of experience and extensive whisky contacts to ensure all the whisky cabinets are stocked with one of the best selections of whisky and other spirits in Speyside. And if there's a tippie we haven't already got, don't worry, we'll find it for you!

All our staff live locally so have extensive knowledge of the area and understand the very best of what Speyside has to offer and are happy to share their experience and expertise to enrich your visit.

“Our House Manager will arrange every detail...”





The Rothes Glen Whisky Experience

Our unique whisky experience includes:

- Welcome by House Manager and team with refreshments and dram on arrival
- Unique tours with whisky and food-pairing tastings hosted by the team and Whisky Magazine experts
- Scotch whisky cabinets containing the house collection, available for purchase by the dram or decanter
- Whisky Magazine Hall of Fame tasting room
- Whisky Magazine Editor's Blend whisky available to all overnight visitors in their room
- In-house dinners hosted by distillery managers with whisky masterclasses
- Walk-in vault and 24-hour security system for complete peace of mind for all visitors
- Access to closed distilleries and whisky personalities; blenders, ambassadors and distillery managers
- Option to book tailored whisky experiences, tastings and dinners with leading experts
- Distillery tours
- Well-stocked humidor with cigars for purchase

There is no corkage charge; you may provide your own beverages which the Rothes Glen team will serve



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The Rothes Estate Safari

Rothes Glen has been given exclusive access to the stunning 14,000 acre Rothes Estate which surrounds Rothes Glen.

Access is within 5 minutes of the house, providing extraordinary views of the rolling Scottish hillside. Hillsides are filled with millions of Scots pine, Sitka Spruce and broadleaf trees, and team with wildlife indigenous to the Highlands.

We can offer clay-pigeon shooting, rifle shooting and archery, picnics and lunches, horse riding, bike rides and breath-taking views should you just want to walk and admire the incredible scenery. Each visit is bespoke and costed individually, and requires a minimum of 2 weeks' notice.



Speyside Experiences

Elgin is 7 miles to the north, steeped in history with its 13th century cathedral. It has an impressive range of shops, and the Moray Firth is nearby with sandy beaches, bird watching on the estuaries of the Spey and the Lossie, and sea fishing, dolphin watching and yachting anchorages. The Cairngorms and ski slopes of Aviemore and the Lecht are within easy reach.

The following selection of trips, services, activities and adventures are available either at the house or nearby by booking in advance with the host:

- Car-hire and chauffeur or taxi service
- Helicopter sight seeing tours
- Off road quad adventures
- Canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding
- White water rafting
- Clay pigeon and rifle shooting
- Archery
- Shooting / stalking on local estates
- Trout fishing
- Fishing on the River Spey, Findhorn and Arn
- Sea fishing
- Interactive falconry displays
- Gun dog training performance
- Golf
- Mountain biking
- Horse riding
- Skiing
- Walking and wildlife safaris
- Mini Highland Games challenges
- Walk with the reindeer
- Red deer feeding experience



The Tariff

Exclusive Use Managed Stays include:

- Private use of the whole house.
- Up to 14 en suite king size bedrooms all with their own large bathrooms with under floor heating, heated towel rail, shower and bath.
- 1 accessible bedroom suite with wet room with underfloor heating, heated towel rail and private sitting room.
- Welcome cream tea or dram on arrival.
- Daily full Scottish breakfast.
- Daily cream tea.
- Daily housekeeping.
- Use of golf, fishing and gun rooms, kennels and all outdoor amenities.
- All electricity, heating and logs for fires.
- Internationally renowned Rothes Glen Chef available for all meals.
- Rothes Glen house assistant available to plan itineraries, book activities and assist guests with any enquiries.
- Personal service to buy drinks from the house whisky collection at cost, served by the dram or in 100ml decanters.
- Rothes Glen personal gifts for each suite.

	House Tariff		Christmas (22 - 29 December 2024)	
	10 Rooms	14 Rooms	New Year (29 December 2024 - 5 January 2025)	14 Rooms
2 nights	£15,500	£18,250	N/A	N/A
3 nights	£23,250	£27,350	N/A	N/A
4 nights	£29,450	£34,650	£35,340	£41,580
5 nights	£35,900	£42,250	£43,080	£50,700
6 nights	£41,100	£48,360	£49,320	£58,030
7 nights	£45,800	£53,850	£54,960	£64,620

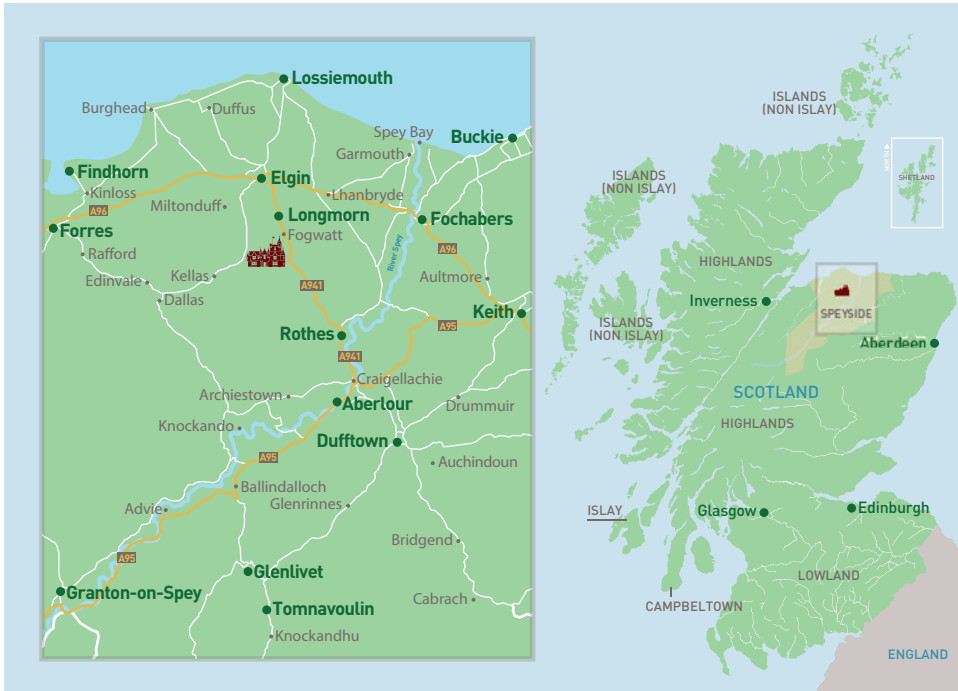
On Christmas Day and Boxing Day, we aim to allow both days off for our chef, hospitality and housekeeping team. All food is prepared in advance so all you have to do is pop it in the oven or remove it from the fridge.

We have an accessible suite on the ground floor if required – please ask the House Manager for further details.

A range of menus are available for 2 course lunch at £75 per head, 3 course dinner at £110 per head or 5 course dinner at £169 per head. We do not charge corkage; you may provide your own beverages at no additional cost, or we offer a range of spirits, wines and Champagnes.

We can source a large range of additional activities which are charged at cost.

All prices are inclusive of the prevailing rate of VAT and apply from 1 January 2024.



Rothes Glen is situated just to the north of Rothés, in the heart of the Spey Valley. Elgin is 7 miles to the north, with the Moray Firth 5 miles beyond. Inverness Airport is 40 miles (1 hour) to the west, and Aberdeen airport 58 miles (1 hour 15 minutes) to the east. Aviemore train station, with direct connections to Edinburgh and on to London, is 43 miles (1 hour). There is a private helicopter pad and unlimited parking with electric car charging points.

DIRECTIONS

From the south, take the A9 north from Perth, then the A95 through Granttown on Spey and on to Aberlour and Craigellachie. Continue north through Rothés on the A941 towards Elgin. After 2.5 miles Rothés Glen is on your left.

From Inverness, take the A96 to Aberdeen and at Elgin take the A941, signposted to Rothés. After 7 miles Rothés Glen is on your right.

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“Rothés Glen is without a doubt one of the most exceptional private houses of this size that I have encountered. Its superb refurbishment has been achieved without compromising the extraordinary period features and detailing - it is truly a quite outstanding property.”

RUARAIKH OGILVIE, SAVILLS



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"We simply adored it. The dram on the roof top made it complete."

Hans, The Netherlands

"I think it safe to award Rothés Glen 'excellent' on all points, most particularly the warmth of the team as they went about their business."

David and Joanna, UK

"We had a delightful two days in your impressive Rothés Glen. Thank you for all your personal involvement and care with the difficult logistics getting us to all activities. Certainly we will spread the word."

Horst, Vietnam

"Rothés Glen is outstanding, and you should be so proud."

Iain, Scotland

"We were all absolutely blown away by Rothés Glen and will definitely be using you for all our accommodation needs."

Greg, Italy

"I just wanted to reach out and say a huge thanks to you and your team for hosting us all. Your staff and team couldn't have been more accommodating in making us feel comfortable, well fed, at home and looked after. It was the ideal spot and a place I feel very fortunate to have had the chance to stay at."

Josh, UK

"We very much enjoyed our visit to Rothés Glen. We will be sure to share our experience with others."

Chris, USA

"The house is one of the best I've visited in Scotland."

Ken, Scotland

"Your house and grounds are quite superb, with so many delightfully surprising new rooms and clever touches."

You've turned the place into a delightful and comfortable, welcoming grand house."

Leonard, Scotland

"You have created somewhere that is comfy, grand, fun, special, important, beautiful, fine, well made and exceptional. And the team were heartbreakingly lovely from start to finish."

Charlie and Alice, UK

"Thank you for all your and the team's fantastic work last week. Pass on our compliments to chef – everyone said how fantastic the food was. Thank you in particular to the 'unflappable' Joanna who managed all of our random requests with the utmost professionalism."

Anya, UK

"Rothés Glen must be the warmest, slickest and most comfortable castle in Speyside. All your attention to detail makes it such a spoiling and delicious experience."

Sacha, UK

"The castle is a triumph and you have done it up immaculately. The rooms were extremely comfortable with piping hot water to every bathroom. And the team were not only very helpful, but charming too, catering to our every need."

Laura, UK



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