

Whisky Experiences

Rothes Glen is the luxury castle for whisky connoisseurs, offering unique whisky experiences and tailor-made tastings and dinners; within the grounds, at distilleries and up on the hills that surround the castle.







Rothes Glen's whisky history

When rebuilding Rothes Glen in 1891 the owners turned to Charles Chree Doig, a legendary figure in the whisky industry responsible for modernising 56 distilleries and the inventor in 1889 of the iconic Chinese-style pagoda-shaped Doig ventilator. For Rothes Glen Doig turned his design skills to creating a baronial-style castle, reorientating the main entrance and introducing the tall central tower and smaller corner tower. The part played in Rothes Glen's history by the most famous man in whisky only came to light when the current owner was offered the original water colour designs for the castle, now hanging in the snooker room.

Whisky experiences within Rothes Glen

- All guests offered a welcome dram on arrival at Rothes Glen.
- Whisky Magazine Editor's Blend available to all guests in their room.
- Whisky cabinets contain the house collection, available for purchase by the dram or decanter.
- Whisky Magazine Hall of Fame and tasting room.
- Walk-in whisky vault and 24-hour security system for complete peace of mind.
- In-house dinners hosted by guest distillery managers.
- Whisky masterclasses hosted by the Rothes Glen whisky team or guest distillery managers.
- Private tastings in the Tasting Room, Whisky Vault or Whisky Observatory.
- Plus: a well-stocked humidor with cigars for purchase and enjoying in the Courtyard, on the Terrace or in the Whisky Observatory.

Food and whisky experiences within Rothes Glen

Beyond the extensive range of lunch and dining menus, from two course lunches or a barbecue to six course Highland dinners, we offer whisky and food pairings and a range of tastings, hosted by the Rothes Glen team or guest distillers.

Whisky & food pairings

- Highland Dinners, plus Premier whisky OR Rare whisky with each course.
- Pairing Experiences: whisky & cheese; whisky & chocolate; whisky & cold meat; whisky & smoked fish.

Whisky tastings

- Whisky Tasting in the Tasting Room, Whisky Vault or Whisky Observatory.
- Plus: the Rothes Glen Whisky Vault is our curation of rare and collectible bottles (and sometimes casks) to which we have exclusive access. These one-off products are available to buy only for Rothes Glen guests.

Whisky experiences around Rothes Glen

- Discover the Rothes Glen whisky barrels. There are eight miniature whisky barrels hidden around the grounds of Rothes Glen, each with a bottle of Editor's Blend and four glasses for guests to enjoy as they explore.
- The Rothes Estate Safari: Rothes Glen has exclusive access to the 14,000 acre Rothes Estate which surrounds Rothes Glen. This provides extraordinary views towards the Cairngorms and the Black Isle, from where guests can enjoy picnics and lunches with whisky tastings under the stars or under cover.















Whisky experiences out and about

• Distillery tours of world-famous distillery names and smaller, newer creations: there are 79 distilleries within 100 miles, or 2 hours, of Rothes Glen:

46 distilleries are within 30 minutes

Aberlour, Allt-a-Bhainne, Auchroisk, Aultmore, Ballindalloch, Balvenie, Benriach, Benrinnes, Benromach, Cardhu, Coleburn, Convalmore, Cragganmore, Craigellachie, Dailuaine, Dalmunach, Dufftown, Glen Elgin, Glen Grant, Glen Keith, Glen Moray, Glen Spey, Glenallachie, Glenburgie, Glendullan, Glenfarclas, Glenfiddich, Glenlossie, Glenrinnes, Glenrothes, Glentauchers, Inchgower, Kininvie, Knockando, Linkwood, Longmorn, Macallan, Mannochmore, Miltonduff, Mortlach, Roseisle, Speyburn, Strathisla, Strathmill, Tamdhu, Tormore.

33 distilleries are within a further 90 minutes

Ardmore, Balblair, Balmenach, Blair Athol, Braeval, Cairn, Crossbill, Dallas Dhu, Dalmore, Dalwhinnie, Deeside, Dornoch, Fettercairn, Glen Deveron, Glen Garioch, Glen Ord, Glencadam, Glendronach, Glenglassaugh, Glenlivet, Glenmorangie, GlenWyvis, Inshriach, Invergordon, Kinrara, Knockdhu, Royal Brackla, Royal Lochnagar, Speyside, Tamnavulin, Teaninich, Tomatin, Tomintoul.

- Access to closed distilleries and whisky personalities; blenders, ambassadors, distillery managers.
- Tailored whisky experiences, tastings and dinners with leading experts.
- In-store tastings: there are seven whisky shops nearby in which we can arrange private in-store tastings and exclusive access to general and rare stock.
- In-bar tastings: if your preference is to get out and about we have five great whisky bars all within a short drive of the castle.

Whisky experiences further afield

If you want to enjoy your whisky outside the traditional home of whisky, why not ask us to arrange:

- Spey fishing and a whisky tasting.
- Golf and a whisky tasting.
- Sea fishing and a whisky tasting.
- Skiing and a whisky tasting.
- Helicopter or sea plane trips to more distant distilleries; visit Orkney, Shetland, Islay distilleries by air.
- Making a whisky barrel; join the coopers at the Speyside Cooperage and make your own barrel.

Rothes Glen whiskyware

Available for purchase during your stay

- Rothes Glen copita
- Rothes Glen cut crystal glass
- Rothes Glen glasses (x 2 in a box)
- Rothes Glen Imperial decanter
- Rothes Glen mini decanter
- Rothes Glen mixer / water glass
- Rothes Glen water jug

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