

sightseeing tour



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Ballindalloch Castle and Distillery

The North East of Scotland around Aberdeen is famous for castles and whisky distilleries.

There are as many to see, but Skene House has chosen Ballindalloch Castle, Strathisla Whisky Distillery or Glenlivet Distillery to visit on a splendid full day tour.

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Ballindalloch



Strathisla



Glenlivet

BALLINDALLOCH CASTLE

Ballindalloch is one of the most beautiful and romantic castles in Scotland. It lies in the heart of the whisky country with famous distilleries nearby. The setting is magnificent: surrounded by majestic hills and the tumbling waters of the rivers Spey and Avon flowing through the grounds. First and foremost Ballindalloch is a much-loved family home and one of the very few privately-owned castles to be lived in continuously by the MacPherson-Grants, since 1546. It exemplifies the transition from the stark tower house, necessary for survival in 16th century Scotland, to the elegant and comfortable country house so beloved by the Victorians.

Ballindalloch is also the home of the famous Aberdeen Angus of cattle founded by Sir George MacPherson-Grant in 1860, and now the oldest herd in continuous existence. At Ballindalloch you will have the opportunity of walking around the magnificent rooms and climbing to the top of the watchtower. During Spring and Summer and on fine days you can walk around the wonderful gardens and see a large variety of plants and shrubs.

STRATHISLA DISTILLERY

The home and heart of Chivas Regal whisky, founded in 1786 in the ancient market town of Keith, Strathisla is the oldest operating distillery in the Scottish Highlands. Here is the home of Strathisla Single Malt Scotch Whisky. At Strathisla you can walk around the distillery and see how the whisky is made. Visitors will have the opportunity to 'nose' the fine single malt whiskies that, together with the soft grain whiskies, combine to create one of Scotland's greatest treasures – Chivas Regal.

Today, the distillery maintains many of the traditions and techniques of the earliest days of whisky production. Visitors can observe the care and attention devoted to the selection of raw materials, see the timber vats and gleaming copper stills, and experience first-hand the age-old process involved in producing Strathisla Single Malt Scotch Whisky. The tour includes a dram of whisky before leaving.

THE GLENLIVET DISTILLERY

The Glenlivet weaves an unbroken thread through Scottish history and culture. The favoured whisky of Dukes and soldiers, writers and lawyers, and of King George IV himself is revered by connoisseurs, flattered by its imitators. The Glenlivet can only be made in one particular spot, in a single glen, in the heart of Scotland's finest malt whisky-making country. Visit that special place and experience the essence of The Glenlivet. Explore the turbulent history of the whisky smugglers, delve into the intriguing mysteries of distilling, and sample the golden magic that is The Glenlivet – the very spirit of Scotland.

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

	09.30 Depart Skene House	
	11.15 Arrive Ballindalloch Castle	
	12.15 Depart Ballindalloch Castle	
12.30 Arrive at Glenlivet Distillery for tour and lunch	OR	12.45 Lunch at Craigellachie Hotel
14.15 Depart Glenlivet		13.45 Depart Craigellachie Hotel
		14.15 Arrive Strathisla for tour & whisky tasting
		15.15 Depart Strathisla
	16.30 Arrive back at Skene House	

COSTS	16 seats	24 seats	33 seats	49 seats
Coach hire	£342	£377	£410	£456
Ballindalloch Castle	£7.50 per person			
Glenlivet Distillery	Free of Charge			
Strathisla Distillery	£6.00 per person (suitable for groups up to 25 persons)			
Lunch at Glenlivet	Soup and Sandwiches £8.50 per person, Three course lunch £19.00-£22.00 per person			
Craigellachie Hotel	Two course lunch £15.50 per person			

Guides to accompany Tour (optional) English language: £170; foreign language: £225

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