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HOTELSUITES

ABERDEEN • SCOTLAND

## Castle and Whisky *Discovery* Tour

**Aberdeen City and Shire is famous for many things, not least of which is the fact that the city is at the start of the world-famous castle and whisky trails.**

Dramatic ruins, tower houses, magnificent mansions....this is castle country.  
Distinctive distilleries, unique cooperage, fascinating....this is whisky country.

This Castle and Whisky Discovery Tour takes you along Royal Deeside to visit the fairytale Crathes Castle. After lunch, at the Tor-na-Coille Hotel in Banchory, the tour continues up and over the mountains to Fettercairn Distillery.

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## CRATHES CASTLE

With its profusion of turrets and rising towers, set in some of the most beautiful gardens in Scotland, this enchanting 16th century castle is rich in atmosphere and romance. Crathes is set amid the tranquil beauty of Royal Deeside, that rich land of rivers, forests and gentle hills, has been the favoured home of aristocracy for a thousand years. Crathes Castle is one of the most impressive and beautiful castles that can be found on the famous castle trail. For over 350 years, Crathes was the home of the Burnetts, a family whose lineage includes generals, admirals, judges and even a Governor of New York. The family history also includes strange tales of mermaids and ghosts.

With such rich heritage, it's no surprise that Crathes feels every inch a place of romance and mystery. Rare in Scotland, Crathes appears today almost entirely as it did when first built in the 16th century, its glorious architecture reminiscent of the great French châteaux.

In the grounds of Crathes is one of the finest walled gardens of Scotland and is at its best during the summer months from May to September.

The tour includes a tour of the inside of the castle and the wonderful gardens.



## TOR-NA-COILLE HOTEL

The Tor-na-Coille Hotel provides an excellent lunch stop on this tour. Log fires burn in the winter months and the hotel has an excellent reputation for fine food.



### SAMPLE MENUS

#### Sample Menu One

Warm Peppered Chicken Caesar Salad finished with Croutons and Parmesan Shavings

Casserole of Highland Venison in a Rich Red Wine Sauce served with a Selection of Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Meringue Nest filled with Seasonal Fruits set on Fruit Coulis

Coffee with Mints

#### Sample Menu Two

Cullen Skink Risotto with Deep Fried Straw Potatoes, Tomato Vinaigrette and Chive Oil

Supreme of Chicken Breast stuffed with Haggis accompanied with a White Onion and Arran Mustard Sauce served with a Selection of Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Raspberry Cranachan served in a Brandy Snap Basket on Fruit Coulis

Coffee with Mints



## FETTERCAIRN DISTILLERY

Established in 1824, Fettercairn is one of the oldest licensed distilleries in Scotland. Meet the people who make 'Old Fettercairn Single Malt Scotch Whisky' so special. Discover first-hand the secrets of the distilling process that gives this whisky its unique character and makes it sought after by discerning whisky drinkers worldwide. Listen to the Fettercairn story from 1824 to the present day, entertainingly recounted in the comfort of the audio-visual presentation suite. Afterwards there will be a guided tour through the distillery to view various stages in the distilling process when you can enjoy a 'wee dram' of Old Fettercairn Single Malt Whisky.

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- 10:00 Depart Skene House
- 10:45 Arrive Crathes castle for tour of castle and grounds
- 12:15 Depart Crathes castle
- 12:30 Arrive Tor-na-Coille Hotel, Banchory for lunch
- 14:00 Depart Tor-na-Coille
- 15:00 Arrive Fettercairn Distillery for tour and tasting
- 16:30 Depart Fettercairn Distillery
- 17:30 Arrive Skene House

