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## WELCOME TO ABERDEEN & ABERDEENSHIRE



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## ► Castle and Cask - Royal Deeside

### i Guided Tour of Balmoral Castle

Set amongst the magnificent scenery of Royal Deeside, in the shadows of Lochnagar, is the Balmoral Estate.

Purchased by Queen Victoria in 1848, the Estate has been the Scottish Home of the British Royal Family ever since. The Estate covers about 20,000 hectares (just over 50,000 acres) with acres of heather clad hills, ancient Caledonian woodland, policies and of course the beautiful River Dee is nearby. Over the past 150 years careful stewardship by the owners, The Royal Family, has preserved the wildlife, scenery and architecture which is available for all generations to enjoy.

In her journals Queen Victoria described Balmoral Castle as “my dear paradise in the Highlands” - we hope you will feel the same way about Balmoral once you have visited this most special place.

Optional Lunch: Lunch at the Tea Room at Balmoral Castle



### i Tour of Royal Lochnagar Distillery

Neighbouring Balmoral Castle, Royal Lochnagar Distillery is the perfect place to discover how Scotch Whisky is made.

A tour of Royal Lochnagar Distillery is a timeless experience; watch as their team of operators tend to their traditional mashtun, gleaming copper stills and fill casks at this traditional distillery, which retains much of its original charm. Each tour will end with a dram of the award-winning Royal Lochnagar 12 Year Old Single Highland Malt.



### i Other Castles in this Area:

#### Braemar Castle

Visitors can hear all of the castle's stories and history by taking a tour with one of their local volunteers or by taking an audio guide in either English, German or French.

Visitors can also spend some time in the exhibition about the Cairngorm gemstones found in the local area and the many decorative uses they are put to.

They can also watch a video of the 1952 Braemar Highland Games...much has changed or has it?



#### Corgarff Castle

Unravel the two very different tales of this medieval tower house. Originally a noble residence, Corgarff became an army base for hunting down Jacobite sympathisers and, later, whisky smugglers.

