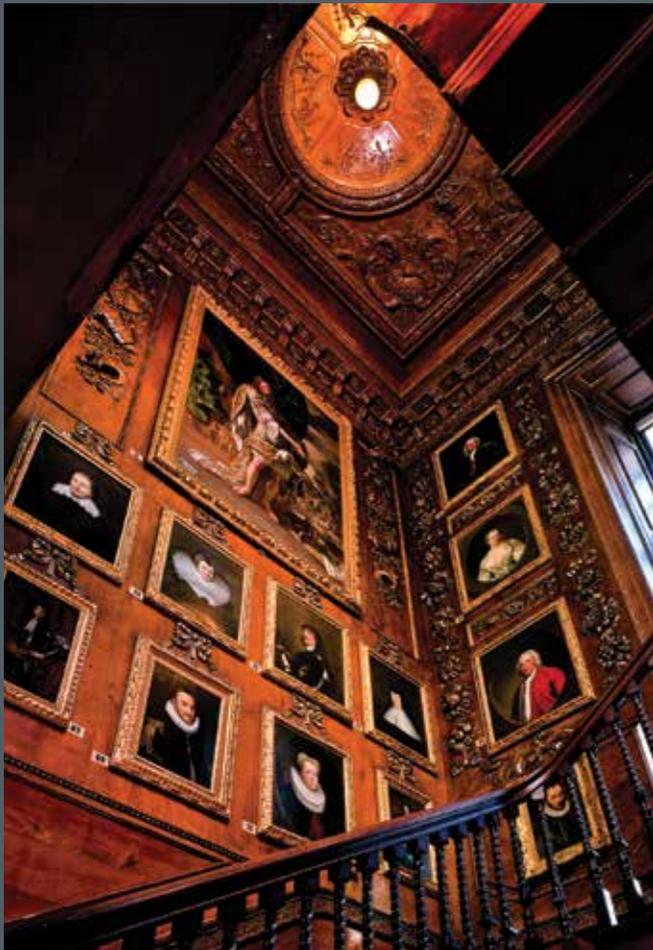




WELCOME

You'll find Blair Castle in the traditional Scottish village of Blair Atholl at the entrance to the Cairngorms National Park. Surrounded by hills and peaceful countryside, the castle has some of Scotland's finest views.

The castle has been transformed through the ages, from its cold medieval beginnings to become a fine Georgian mansion and finally a Victorian castle in the Baronial style. All of these influences can be seen today on a castle tour.



THE ROOMS AND COLLECTIONS

Thirty rooms are open to view, each alive with characters from the past. Settings such as the State Dining Room bring history to life and exhibitions reveal more about subjects including the Atholl Highlanders regiment.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Baronial Entrance Hall and armoury featuring weapons used at the Battle of Culloden.
- The classic Georgian styling of the Picture Staircase.
- Spectacular settings for entertaining, from the grandeur of the Drawing Room to the magnificent Ballroom bedecked in hundreds of antlers.
- Fascinating pieces of antique furniture, art and tapestry and extensive displays of Jacobite relics, china, embroidery and family treasures.

Follow the tour with a visit to the castle's gift shop and restaurant for the complete Blair Castle experience.



Blair Castle hydro powerhouse.

NEW FOR 2016

This year is 'The Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design' and here at Blair Castle the distinctive contribution past and present members of the family have made are highlighted, including information on the restoration of Blair Castle's hydro scheme of 1908 which will enhance a visit to view the refurbished powerhouse.

THE BLAIR CASTLE SHOP

Be tempted by a fine range of gifts, food and drink, tartan and items based on the castle's collection.

TULLIBARDINE RESTAURANT

Complete your visit by sampling the fare on offer in the castle's award-winning Tullibardine Restaurant. Whether it's simple home baking or a three-course lunch you're after, we offer menu choices which reflect local provenance.



GARDENS AND GROUNDS

Hercules Garden, recently restored to its original Georgian design, is a peaceful walled garden of fruit trees, vegetables and herbaceous borders. Unusually, this almost-secret garden features a large landscaped pond complete with Chinese bridge, as well as a trail of contemporary and 18th century sculpture.

Diana's Grove boasts some of the country's finest and tallest trees. Cross an 18th century bridge to find the ruins of St Bride's Kirk, the final resting place of Jacobite leader, Bonnie Dundee. His breastplate and helmet can be found in the castle.

For a special view of the castle and the historic landscape, take a brisk walk to our 18th century folly, The Whim, for the view from its Gothic arches.

Younger visitors will enjoy the red deer park and adventure playground.





ESTATE ACTIVITIES

Blair Castle is at the heart of Atholl Estates, a 145,000 acre working estate of farmland, forestry, rivers, lochs and hills. Full of natural beauty and some of the best views across Highland Perthshire, the estate is popular with walkers and sporting guests.

For the unique Highland experience, explore the estate on the back of a Highland Pony, spot native wildlife on a Land Rover Safari, discover hidden parts of the grounds of Blair Castle on a Tractor tour or set off on your own adventure with over 40 miles of waymarked trails to enjoy.

Visit www.atholl-estates.co.uk, call **01796 481355 (Mon-Fri)** or **01796 481263 (Sat-Sun)** to find out more.

ACCOMMODATION

For the complete Atholl Estates experience, choose from a fantastic range of self-catering accommodation.

- Secluded highland lodges set in the hills of the estate, fully-equipped and each of individual character (sleep 2 - 20).
- Tranquil woodland lodges in the grounds of Blair Castle, modern, comfortable and fully equipped (sleep 4 - 6).
- Comfortable caravan holiday homes and touring pitches within the grounds of Blair Castle, perfect for families.
- Pods in the grounds of the castle.

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2016 OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

Summer

25 March - 28 October every day 9.30am - 5.30pm*

Winter

Exclusively Highlands Craft Fair 4-6 November 10am - 4pm

Christmas Events 11 and 18 December 10am - 4pm*

* Last admission to castle tour one hour prior to closing

Castle and Gardens		Gardens Only	
Adult	£10.70	Adult	£5.90
Concession	£9.10	Concession	£5.90
Child	£6.40	Child	£2.70
Family	£28.90	Family	£14.70

ANNUAL EVENTS

28 and 29 May Atholl Highlanders Parade and Highland Games
25 June Charity Day (Scottish Gardens and Children's Hospice Association Scotland)

25-28 August Blair Castle International Horse Trials, incorporating the Bruadar Country Fair.

THE TREASURE TICKET

Visit Blair Castle, Glamis Castle and Scone Palace
Treasure tickets are on sale at Blair Castle and valid from April to October. Ticket allows one visit per attraction. Each member offers varying entrance dates/time. Please check venue website for opening.

HOW TO FIND US –

35 miles north of Perth, just off the A9.

90 minutes from Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Connecting train services from major cities and Caledonian Sleeper from London arrive at Blair Atholl Station.

National and local bus links.

Tel: 01796 481207.

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Blair Castle and Gardens

Historic treasures of Atholl Estates



700 YEARS OF SCOTTISH HISTORY

Discover Blair Castle, nestling in the dramatic landscape of Highland Perthshire and be taken on a journey into the fascinating past of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl.

Nineteen generations of Stewarts and Murrays of Atholl and the people who have lived and worked alongside them, have created a rich tapestry of stories, interwoven with tales from Scotland's own turbulent past. They have all left their mark on Blair Castle, its collections and historic grounds.

Unique amongst Scottish castles, the story told here will take you from a visit by Mary Queen of Scots to the Civil War and from the Jacobite cause to the disaster of Culloden following Bonnie Prince Charlie's own stay in the castle. You'll hear how the lucky inheritance of a smuggler-infested island helped turn the castle into a comfortable home and learn how a stay by Queen Victoria led to the creation of Europe's only surviving private army.



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