TULLIEMET HOUSE
ATHOLL ESTATES

INSPIRING ITINERARIES

Make a week of Highland Perthshire

Some itinerary ideas for your week at Tulliemet: a **family** week of gorges, ceilidhs and one very large bungee jump, a slow tour of the country's great **gardens**, a journey through Scotland's **history** from Blair Castle to Edinburgh, or a **sporting** week on the Atholl rivers and hills. Come home each evening to the sauna and the pond, in the house where Beatrix Potter stayed as a child. As guests of Atholl Estates, you also get free entry to Blair Castle.

FAMILY ADVENTURE · 7 DAYS | GREAT GARDENS · 5 DAYS | HISTORIC SCOTLAND · 6 DAYS | COUNTRY SPORTS · 6 DAYS | EXTRAS

CLOSE TO HOME

Pitlochry and Dunkeld

Two lovely towns are each within 15 minutes' drive of the house. Pitlochry, the gateway to the Highlands, has the Festival Theatre, our favourite bakery, plenty of shops and tearooms, and the Blair Athol distillery, making whisky since 1798.

Dunkeld is the foodie capital of Scotland, with the Taybank, Aran bakery and the Garden Door deli, all in the shadow of its cathedral by the Tay. Birnam and the Beatrix Potter Garden are just across the bridge.

VISITING IN MAY?

The Atholl Gathering

Late May brings one of the great weekends of the Highland year to nearby Blair Castle. On Saturday the Atholl Highlanders, Europe's only private army, parade on the castle forecourt. On Sunday come the Highland Games, with tossing the caber, tug of war, pipers, dancers, stalls and plenty of food.

It's a wonderful weekend for all ages. Book early, as it's one of the busiest of the year.

VISITING IN AUTUMN?

The Enchanted Forest

Every autumn, the wood surrounding Loch Faskally, just outside Pitlochry, becomes the Enchanted Forest: a trail of light and sound through the trees after dark. It's one of Scotland's best-loved autumn events, so book tickets as soon as your dates are fixed. In 2026 it runs from 8 October to 8 November.

October is also the best month for autumn colour, and for the Hermitage at its most spectacular.

FROM OUR FARM

Tulliemet beef and lamb

Our farm surrounds the house and cottages. Look out of the windows and you'll see our Aberdeen Angus cattle and our sheep, moved regularly to fresh grazing across the fields and hills. Don't be surprised if you have to stop on the drive while the cows are moved, or even lend a hand. They live outdoors all year round, raised only on the grass, trees and hill water that surround you. Tom and May, our farmers, are always happy to stop for a chat and show you how we farm this special corner of Scotland.

The result is the most incredible beef and lamb. The best meat in the world, so we are told! Order before you come and it will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive.

ITINERARY ONE

A Highland family adventure

Seven days for families who want to do everything. Jump off a bridge, slide down a waterfall, catch a trout, dance at a ceilidh and eat very well, with a day in Edinburgh for castles and witches. Nearly everything is within half an hour of the house.

7 days Most stops **15–35 min** away

1 Pitlochry: The Bakery, Cidsin, Festival Theatre
2 Highland Fling bungee, Garry Bridge
3 Killiecrankie House
4 Blair Castle
5 Falls of Bruar canyoning (Nae Limits, Ballinluig) · House of Bruar
6 Grandfully: Ballintaggart, Highland Chocolatier
7 Rotmell Loch, guided fishing
8 Tulliemet Moor, stalking
9 The Taybank, Dunkeld
10 Dunkeld House: clays, quads, archery
11 The Hermitage · Beatrix Potter, Birnam

DAY 1 — You've arrived

Arrive, unpack, plunge

Drop the bags, find your rooms and head straight for the sauna. When you're properly warm, walk down to the pond for a cold dip in Highland water. Then back into the heat, and again. Everyone sleeps well after that.

You're in good company. Beatrix Potter stayed here as a child in the 1870s, and her letters hint that the rabbits running along the walled garden wall helped inspire Peter Rabbit. Keep an eye out for their descendants.

The sauna and pond are yours to use when you stay in Tulliemet House. Staying in one of the cottages? You can book a session when it's free.

EVENING Supper in, with Tulliemet beef or lamb from our own farm, ordered ahead and waiting for you. Light the fire and plan the week.

DAY 2 — 15–20 min

Jump! Killiecrankie

Fuel up first with breakfast at The Bakery Pitlochry on Mill Lane. Pitlochry is full of good bakeries and tearooms, but this is our favourite: bread from a stone oven, croissants, cinnamon buns and proper coffee.

Then on to Garry Bridge at Killiecrankie, where Highland Fling run their bungee jump from the bridge, high above the River Garry. For those who'd rather go together, the Killieswing sends you swooping out over the gorge in a pair. The non-jumpers can walk the wooded Pass of Killiecrankie to the Soldier's Leap and watch from the path.

EVENING Curry night at Cidsin in Pitlochry. Modern Indian cooking, and a very good reward for bravery. In October and early November, walk the Enchanted Forest at Faskaly Wood afterwards.

Book ahead | Check age and weight limits

DAY 3 — 30–35 min

Into the gorge, up to the castle

A morning canyoning with Nae Limits at the Falls of Bruar. Wetsuits and helmets on, then you scramble, slide and jump your way down through rock pools and waterfalls with expert guides. Expect lots of shrieking.

Dry off with lunch at the House of Bruar right next door, and leave the car for a browse. It's a must for shopping, with Scottish knitwear, tweeds, country clothing and a wonderful food hall. Then drive ten minutes back down the road to Blair Castle, the white-walled home of the Atholl story for more than 700 years. Look for the ballroom hung with antlers and ask about the Atholl Highlanders, the only private army in Europe. Leave time for the Hercules Garden and the deer park.

EVENING A show at Pitlochry Festival Theatre, the "theatre in the hills". Check what's on and book seats for the whole family.

Free entry to Blair Castle for estate guests | Book canyoning | Book theatre | Bring a towel

DAY 4 — 20 min

A quiet loch and a chocolate tasting

A slower day. Spend the morning fishing for rainbow trout on Rotmell Loch with an Atholl Estates ghillie. You fish from a boat or the bank, tackle is supplied, and beginners are very welcome. First-timers often catch their first fish here.

Have lunch at The Grandfully by Ballintaggart, where the food is very good, then call in at the Highland Chocolatier across the village for award-winning fresh cream truffles. Book a tasting and take a box home (if it lasts that long).

EVENING Ceilidh night at the Taybank in Dunkeld. Live music, a good supper and everyone up for the Gay Gordons, whatever their age.

Book fishing with Atholl Estates | Check Taybank ceilidh dates

DAY 5 — 1 hr 30 by car, or the train from Pitlochry

A day in Edinburgh

Scotland's capital is packed with things to do. Start at Edinburgh Castle, high on its volcanic rock, with the whole city and the Firth of Forth laid out below. Be on the battlements at one o'clock when the gun fires.

Then wander down the Royal Mile, with its cobbles, hidden closes, bagpipers and street performers, and stop for lunch. After that, let the family vote on the afternoon.

Witches
The Museum of Magic, Fortune Telling & Witchcraft, tucked into a close off the Royal Mile. Spells, charms and curious objects from Scotland's history.

Or dungeons
The Edinburgh Dungeon brings the city's darkest stories to life with actors, rides and plenty of jumps. Best for older children.

If there's still energy left, the National Museum of Scotland is free and has something for everyone, from dinosaurs to Dolly the sheep. Or climb Calton Hill for the best view in town.

Coming in August? The whole city becomes the Edinburgh Festival. The Fringe fills every street and cellar with comedy, music and theatre, and in the evenings the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo fills the castle esplanade with massed pipes and drums and fireworks. Book Tattoo tickets months ahead.

EVENING Back to Tulliemet for a late supper and the sauna, or stay on for the Tattoo in August.

DAY 6 — On the doorstep, or 20 min

On the hill, or at Dunkeld House

Spend a day stalking on Tulliemet Moor with an experienced stalker. Deer numbers on the hill have to be managed so that young trees and wildlife can thrive, and stalking is a big part of how we care for the land. It's a long, quiet, fascinating day in wild country, and you'll learn to read the hill, the wind and the herd.

Those who'd prefer something different can head to Dunkeld House Hotel on the banks of the Tay for clay pigeon shooting, quad biking or archery. Mix and match, and meet up at the end of the day to compare notes.

EVENING A night in at Tulliemet. Sauna, pond, and an early night before the grand finale.

Book stalking with us | Book Dunkeld House activities | Stalking: ask about minimum ages

DAY 7 — 20–25 min

Peter Rabbit, waterfalls and the grand finale

A slow last day. One more trip to The Bakery Pitlochry, then down to Birnam for the Beatrix Potter Exhibition and Garden. Little ones can step into a Victorian classroom and visit Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's washing corner, and everyone can follow the garden trail.

Across the river, walk the Hermitage through some of the tallest trees in Britain to Ossian's Hall and the thundering Black Linn Falls. It's one of our favourite places anywhere.

Stop for lunch in Dunkeld, which punches well above its weight for good food. Take your pick of the Taybank, Aran, the much-loved bakery started by Flora Shedden, or the Garden Door deli. They're all wonderful. Then home for a last session in the sauna.

Then dress up for dinner at Killiecrankie House, awarded its first Michelin star in 2026. Tom and Matilda Tsappis cook and pour with real care, using the best of Perthshire. It's the perfect last night, and a very grown-up end to a week of adventures.

Book well ahead

BEFORE YOU COME

What to book ahead

Bungee and Killieswing
Highland Fling Bungee, Garry Bridge, Killiecrankie

Canyoning
Nae Limits, Falls of Bruar

Guided fishing, Rotmell Loch
Atholl Estates. Fishing details

Stalking on Tulliemet Moor
Ask us when you book your stay

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
See what's on

Ceilidh at the Taybank
Taybank events

Clays, quads or archery
Dunkeld House Hotel

Dinner at Killiecrankie House
Book as early as you can

Sauna and pond
Included in Tulliemet House stays. Cottage guests, ask us for a slot.

ITINERARY TWO

The great gardens of Perthshire

Perthshire is Scotland's big tree country, and its gardens are some of the finest in Britain. This five-day tour takes in walled gardens, formal parterres, waterfalls, a Japanese garden and two of Britain's great artists' gardens. Each day ends back at Tulliemet.

5 days **11** gardens

1 Blair Castle Gardens · Explorers Garden, Pitlochry
2 Drummond Castle Gardens · Branklyn
3 Cluny House · The Hermitage · Beatrix Potter Garden
4 Japanese Garden at Cowden · Scone Palace
5 Jupiter Artland · Little Sparta (south of the map)

DAY 1 — 30 min

Blair Castle and the Hercules Garden

Begin close to home. The Hercules Garden at Blair Castle is a nine-acre Georgian walled garden, restored to its 18th-century glory, with ponds, follies, fruit trees and long herbaceous borders. Next door, Diana's Grove holds some of the tallest trees in Britain.

Have lunch at the Tullibardine Restaurant at the castle, then wander through the red deer park.

In the afternoon, drive ten minutes up the road to the House of Bruar for some serious shopping. Scottish knitwear, tweeds, country clothing and a wonderful food hall.

On the way home, stop at the Pass of Killiecrankie. In 1689 the Jacobites charged down this hillside and won the battle, though their leader, "Bonnie Dundee", was killed. Walk down through the oak woods to the Soldier's Leap, where a fleeing redcoat is said to have jumped clean across the River Garry.

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Free entry to Blair Castle for estate guests

DAY 2 — 20 min

A cathedral by the Tay

Dunkeld Cathedral stands on the banks of the Tay, on a site that has been holy since the days of the early Celtic church. Its nave has been a roofless ruin since the Reformation, while the choir is still in use as the parish church. Inside, look for the tomb of the Wolf of Badenoch, one of medieval Scotland's most notorious villains. The little town around it was burned in the Battle of Dunkeld in 1689, three weeks after Killiecrankie.

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Then walk the Hermitage, a woodland pleasure ground laid out by the Dukes of Atholl in the 18th century. Ossian's Hall began in 1757 as a little viewing house for the 2nd Duke, framing a sudden, thundering view of the Black Linn Falls. In 1783 it was redecorated as a shrine to the legendary bard Ossian, complete with a hall of mirrors.

EVENING Supper and live music at the Taybank in Dunkeld.

DAY 3 — 50 min, then 40 min

Where kings were crowned

At Scone Palace, climb the Moot Hill, where Scotland's kings were crowned for centuries, Robert the Bruce among them in 1306. Then make a short detour into Perth to see the Stone of Destiny itself, now on show, free, at Perth Museum.

In the afternoon, drive on to Glamis Castle, all turrets and pink stone. Shakespeare made Macbeth Thane of Glamis, and the castle was the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret. It's said to be one of the most haunted houses in Scotland, so ask the guides about its ghosts.

EVENING Back to Tulliemet for the sauna and a quiet supper.

Check Scone and Glamis opening dates

DAY 4 — 1 hr 10

A Japanese garden, a royal palace

The Japanese Garden at Cowden was made in 1908 by the adventurer Ella Christie, and was once called the most important Japanese garden in the Western world. Now beautifully restored, it is calm, green and full of reflections.

On the way home, stop at Scone Palace, where Scotland's kings were crowned on the Moot Hill. Walk the pinetum, find your way through the star-shaped maze and say hello to the peacocks.

EVENING Sauna, pond, and an early night.

DAY 5 — 1 hr 15, then 40 min

Art in the landscape

Two of the most extraordinary gardens in Britain, both made by artists. Start at Jupiter Artland, just west of Edinburgh: 120 acres of woods and meadows set with sculpture by Anish Kapoor, Antony Gormley, Tracey Emin and many more, and great grassy landforms spiralling round still ponds.

Then drive on into the Pentland Hills to Little Sparta, the garden the poet Ian Hamilton Finlay and his wife Sue made on a remote hill farm from 1966. More than 270 artworks, carved stones and inscriptions are set among its ponds, trees and moorland. It's often called Scotland's greatest work of art, and it's like nowhere else.

EVENING A celebratory last dinner at Killiecrankie House, awarded a Michelin star in 2026.

Little Sparta opens June to September, Thursday to Sunday | Book Jupiter Artland ahead

BEFORE YOU COME

What to book ahead

Dinner at Killiecrankie House
Michelin-starred, so book as early as you can.

Ceilidh night at the Taybank
Check dates and book a table

Lunch at The Grandfully by Ballintaggart
Book a table for your Cluny House day.

Jupiter Artland
Tickets are best booked online ahead.

Opening seasons
Many gardens open seasonally and some only on certain days. Little Sparta opens June to September, Thursday to Sunday.

Snowdrops
Visiting in February or March? Add a day at Cambo near St Andrews for one of Scotland's great snowdrop displays.

Rhododendrons and poppies
Cluny and Branklyn peak from May into June.

Autumn colour
Big-tree country is glorious in October, especially at the Hermitage and Blair.

ITINERARY THREE

Castles, crowns and kings

A six-day journey through Scotland's story, from Jacobite battlefields and a cathedral by the Tay to the hill where Scotland's kings were crowned, Balmoral and Royal Deeside, and the great castles of Stirling and Edinburgh. Each day ends back at Tulliemet.

6 days **14** historic sites

1 Logierait (from the house) · Blair Castle · Pass of Killiecrankie
2 Dunkeld Cathedral · The Hermitage · Beatrix Potter, Birnam
3 Scone Palace · Perth Museum · Glamis Castle
4 Drummond Castle · Stirling Castle
5 Balmoral · the Fife Arms, Braemar (north of the map)
6 Edinburgh: castle, Royal Mile, Holyrood, National Galleries

DAY 1 — 20–30 min

Guarding the road north

Start at the house. From Tulliemet you look across the valley to Logierait, where the Tay and the Tummel meet and two great glens come together. People have held this spot for thousands of years. An Iron Age fort stood on the rise above the village, and in the 14th century the Stewart kings kept a hunting lodge there. Later it was the seat of the Dukes of Atholl's Regality Court, with its own prison. Rob Roy MacGregor escaped from it, and in 1745 the Jacobites held more than a hundred government prisoners there after the Battle of Prestonpans.

Then drive up the valley through Pitlochry, the gateway to the Highlands, to Blair Castle. Since 1269 it has guarded the main road north through the mountains towards Inverness, and whoever held Blair controlled the way in and out of the Highlands. Mary, Queen of Scots came to hunt in Glen Tilt in 1564. Cromwell's troops seized the castle in 1652. In 1746, just weeks before Culloden, the Jacobite general Lord George Murray laid siege to his own family's home, then held by government soldiers.

Inside, walk through more than 30 rooms of armour, portraits and lace, and stand in the ballroom hung with antlers. Ask about the Atholl Highlanders, the Duke's own regiment and the only private army in Europe, given its colours after Queen Victoria stayed here in 1844.

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DAY 4 — 1 hr, then 40 min

Drummond and Stirling

The Drummonds built their castle near Crieff in the 1490s. Look down from the terrace onto one of Scotland's finest formal gardens, a 17th-century parterre laid out as a St Andrew's cross. *Outlander* fans may recognise it as the gardens of Versailles.

Carry on to Stirling Castle, high on its rock above the plain where Wallace and Bruce fought for Scotland. Mary, Queen of Scots spent her childhood here and was crowned at the castle in 1543. Inside, the Royal Palace has been restored with all the colour of the Stewart court.

EVENING Stop at Glenturret, near Crieff, distilling by hand since 1763, then curry night at Cidsin in Pitlochry on the way home.

Book Stirling Castle tickets online

DAY 5 — 1 hr 30 over Glenshee

Royal Deeside

The story of Royal Deeside begins at Blair. In September 1844 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert spent nearly three weeks at Blair Castle, and it was here that she fell in love with the Highlands, walking and riding out into the hills and, so the story goes, getting lost in them. "This mixture of great wildness and art is perfection," she wrote in her journal. The Atholl Highlanders stood guard over her throughout her stay, and the next year she rewarded them with their own Colours, making them Europe's only private army. Four years later she took the lease of Balmoral.

Follow in her footsteps on the spectacular road north over Glenshee and the Cairnwell Pass, one of the highest roads in Britain, and down into Royal Deeside to Balmoral, which Victoria and Albert bought in 1852. It is still the King's Highland home. Walk the gardens and see the ballroom, or book a guided tour of the castle itself.

Then on to Braemar for a special lunch at the Fife Arms. This old coaching inn has been transformed into one of the most remarkable hotels in Scotland, full of art, antlers and tartan. Braemar Castle is just up the road if there's time.

EVENING Back over the hills to Tulliemet for the sauna and a quiet supper.

Balmoral opens on set dates only: check before you plan | Book castle tours and lunch ahead

DAY 6 — 1 hr 30 by car, or the train from Pitlochry

Edinburgh, from castle to palace

End the week in the capital. Edinburgh Castle has stood on its rock at the heart of Scotland's story for nearly a thousand years, and the views from its walls are the best in the city. Be there at one o'clock for the gun.

Then walk the Royal Mile, past St Giles' Cathedral and the old closes, to the Palace of Holyroodhouse at the bottom, the King's official home in Scotland, where you can stand in Mary, Queen of Scots' own rooms.

In the afternoon, choose from the National Galleries. The Scottish National Gallery on the Mound is free and full of great paintings, from the old masters to Raeburn and the Scottish colourists. The Scottish National Portrait Gallery puts faces to the whole week, from Mary, Queen of Scots to Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Coming in August? Plan your visit around the Edinburgh Festival, when the Fringe takes over every street and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo plays on the castle esplanade at night. Book Tattoo tickets months ahead.

EVENING A last dinner to remember at Killiecrankie House, awarded a Michelin star in 2026.

Book Edinburgh Castle tickets online | August: book the Tattoo early | Book Killiecrankie House well ahead

BEFORE YOU COME

What to book ahead

Restaurants
Book your tables before you come: supper at the Taybank, curry at Cidsin, lunch at the Fife Arms and dinner at Killiecrankie House. They fill up fast, especially in summer.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
See what's on and book seats

Balmoral
Castle tours sell out, so book as soon as dates are released.

Opening seasons
Blair Castle, Scone Palace, Glamis and especially Balmoral open on set dates. Check before you go.

Book the big castles
Edinburgh and Stirling Castles sell timed tickets online, and summer days sell out.

Explorer Pass
Historic Environment Scotland's Explorer Pass covers both Edinburgh and Stirling Castles.

The Stone of Destiny
Free to see at Perth Museum. Pick up a timed slot at the front desk.

ITINERARY FOUR

An Atholl country sports week

Six days on the river and the hill with the Atholl keepers and ghillies. Fish for salmon on the Tummel, Garry and Tilt, stalk red stags in the traditional way with Highland ponies, and stalk the lower ground on Tulliemet's own beat, a day offered only to estate guests. Every day starts and ends at the house.

6 days **3** salmon rivers

Salmon **spring and autumn**

Stags **August – October**

1 Lower Tummel salmon beat
2 River Garry salmon beat
3 Glen Tilt, River Tilt beats
4 Red stag hill stalking
5 Lowland stalking: Tulliemet and Kindrochet
6 Rotmell Loch, rainbow trout
7 Dunkeld House, clay shooting
8 Blair Castle

DAY 1 — 20 min

Arrive and get your eye in

Settle in at Tulliemet, then spend the afternoon on the clay ground at Dunkeld House Hotel to sharpen up before the week ahead. It's a good chance for anyone new to shooting to learn with an instructor.

EVENING Sauna and the pond, then supper in while the keeper talks you through the week.

DAY 2 — 10–30 min

Salmon on the Atholl rivers

A day after salmon on whichever of the estate's three rivers is fishing best. Your ghillie will choose the beat to suit the season and the water. In spring it's usually the Lower Tummel, almost on the doorstep, with eleven pools from Moulinearn down to Logierait bridge and a run of spring fish from late March that is at its best in May. In summer the fish move up into the Garry, and from July into the Tilt. In autumn the Tummel comes into its own again.

Your ghillie will match the day to your experience, from casting lessons for beginners to reading the water for seasoned rods. Tackle and waders can be hired.

EVENING A walk at the Hermitage on the way, then supper and live music at the Taybank in Dunkeld.

Book with Atholl Estates | Salmon season closes 15 October

DAY 3 — 30 min to the hill

Red stag stalking on the hill

A full day stalking red deer with one of the estate's deerstalkers, out in the wild, dramatic landscape of the Atholl hills. It's done in the traditional way: a long, careful approach on foot through the heather and the corries, reading the wind and the ground. The stalk is a selective cull of older and weaker stags, which keeps the herd healthy and the hill in good heart.

We still use traditional Highland ponies to carry the stag off the hill, just as the estate has done for generations. With the ponies, the stalker and nothing but the hills around you, you'll feel transported back in time.

EVENING A night in at Tulliemet with a private whisky tasting, and a piper if you'd like one. We can arrange both. You'll have earned it.

Enquire early | No stag stalking on Sundays

DAY 4 — 30 min

Back on the water

Another day's fishing, on another river. If the fish are in the Garry, its nine pools run from Blair Atholl towards the Pass of Killiecrankie, and it fishes well after rain. If they're in the Tilt, you'll fish one of the most beautiful glens in Scotland. It's unfamiliar water for most rods, so it's worth keeping your ghillie.

For a change from salmon, take a boat out on one of the estate's hill lochs for wild brown trout, with nothing but the hills around you.

EVENING An early-evening tour and tasting at the Blair Athol distillery in Pitlochry, then curry night at Cidsin.

DAY 5 — On the doorstep

Tulliemet's own beat

A day's lowland stalking on the ground around the house, offered only to guests staying on the estate. The Tulliemet beat moves from open hill into enclosed woodland, and it's home to red deer, our main herd, as well as fallow and roe. Here the deer are managed to help new woodland grow, so it's a chance to see conservation stalking at first hand.

For a gentler day, fish for rainbow trout on Rotmell Loch, a quiet loch above Dunkeld that is lovely for beginners.

EVENING Sauna, pond and a venison supper.

Estate guests only

DAY 6 — 30 min

Blair Castle and a last grand dinner

Rest the legs with a morning at Blair Castle, seat of the Atholl family since 1269. See the antler-lined ballroom, and learn about the Atholl Highlanders. Those who aren't ready to come off the hill can book a Land Rover safari or a Highland pony picnic across the estate.

Then head five minutes up the road to the House of Bruar for lunch and some shopping. It's the place for tweeds, shooting clothes, cashmere and a well-stocked food hall to take home.

EVENING Dinner at Killiecrankie House, awarded a Michelin star in 2026.

Free entry to Blair Castle for estate guests | Book Killiecrankie House well ahead

THROUGH THE YEAR

What's in season

Our deer
Red deer are our main herd, on the hill and the low ground. We also have fallow and roe deer.

August to October
The main season. Salmon, grouse and red stags are all in, the best time for this week.

Late October to mid February
Red hinds, fallow and roe does, and rough shooting.

Spring and summer
Spring salmon on the Tummel, best in May, then summer fish in the Garry and Tilt. Rainbow trout on Rotmell Loch, wild brown trout on the hill lochs, and roe bucks from April.

How to book
All stalking and fishing is booked through Atholl Estates. Country sports

FOR ANY STAY

A few extras

Add any of these to whichever week you choose. Ask us when you book and we'll help arrange them.

Tulliemet beef and lamb
Raised on the farm that surrounds the house and cottages. Order ahead and it will be waiting for you when you arrive.

Free entry to Blair Castle
All guests staying on Atholl Estates get free entry to Blair Castle, so you can go back as often as you like.

A massage or treatment
We recommend the spa at Fonab Castle Hotel, on the shore of Loch Faskally in Pitlochry, about 15 minutes away. Perfect after a day on the hill.

Whisky and a piper
A private tasting of Highland malts at Tulliemet House, with a piper to play you in to dinner. Or take a distillery tour nearby: Blair Athol in Pitlochry, home of Bell's, has been making whisky since 1798. Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery offers tastings and a blend-your-own experience, and Glenturret near Crieff has been distilling by hand since 1763.

A day with a ghillie
Guided fishing or a casting lesson with an Atholl Estates ghillie, for beginners and experienced rods alike.

Out on the estate
A Land Rover safari or a Highland pony picnic across the Atholl hills.

Come and stay with us

Tulliemet House sleeps the whole family, with the sauna, pond and Highland hills on the doorstep. We're always happy to help you plan your days.

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