



HOUSE PARTY SOLUTIONS



Candacraig

Scottish Highlands

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- ◆ Candacraig is a stunning, exclusive-use, luxury Highland estate
- ◆ Elegant Whisky Library, providing a leading selection of single malts & Scottish gins
- ◆ Historic & tranquil 3 acre Victorian walled garden
- ◆ Games room with billiards table
- ◆ Resident House Manger will be on hand alongside a full housekeeping and catering staff to assist throughout
- ◆ Accommodating up to 24 guests across 12 elegant bedrooms & 12 private bathrooms





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OVERVIEW

Nestled in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, Candacraig is an inspiring, exclusive retreat, steeped in history and surrounded by the wild beauty of the Cairngorms National Park.

Originally built in the 17th century and part of a 16,000 acre estate in the Cairngorms, Candacraig was enlarged in 1836 by the same architect that built the neighbouring Balmoral Castle, the Royal family's favourite holiday home. The current owners, Lynne & Marc Lino, bought the property in 2014 from Sir Billy Connolly, a famous comedian/actor who had it for 15 years. Prior to this, Candacraig was owned for many years by the iconic founders of the Body Shop chain Anita and Gordon Roddick. Considerable investment has recently been made into the interior redesign of this stunning property including a wood fired biomass heating system, magnificent chef's kitchen, improved connectivity and upgraded bathrooms with powerful state of the art showers.

As a guest at Candacraig, you will enjoy private, exclusive use of the house, including 12 bedrooms with private bathrooms, an impressive formal Dining Room, a comfortable Drawing Room with a large open fire, Games Room with a full-size snooker table, and our guests' favourite, the Whisky Library.

Outdoors, you will be surrounded by acres of private woodland and manicured lawns, including a large Victorian walled garden with beautiful flowers and mature trees, a lochan fed by the celebrated River Don and an outdoor firepit and barbeque area, a very special spot to enjoy a drink by the fire. Exploring the lavish grounds you will find one magical setting after another - exclusively yours to enjoy during your stay.



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YOUR STAY

- ◆ Candacraig is a stunning, exclusive-use, luxury Highland estate, where exceptional hospitality is complemented by a remarkable setting, and where the atmosphere is always private, warm and welcoming. Exclusive use means guests have the entire property to themselves therefore we recommend groups of 4 or more are suitable.
- ◆ Candacraig's resident House Manager will be on hand to assist throughout your stay along with a full housekeeping and catering staff. A butler service for larger events adds a classic touch to those sublime moments of enjoyment.
- ◆ A true Scottish experience would not be complete without indulging the passion for great Highland hospitality. With our magnificent family kitchen and spectacular Dining Room, we offer a unique private chef and full staff to present the finest cuisine, sourced from the freshest local ingredients from across Scotland.

Accommodation at Candacraig

Candacraig bedrooms are as unique and elegant as the property they reside in, ranging from impressive corner suites to cosy double rooms. Sitting on two floors, with easy access staircases and a common layout connecting them all, complementing a real sense of belonging to a historic household. Every bedroom comes complete with immaculate furnishings, renovated decor and modern bathrooms, complete with Aesop toiletries.

- ◆ Anderson: Large, spacious superking room with ensuite (alternatively, this room can be split into twin beds)
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- ◆ Fraser: Superking room with 4 poster bed and stunning views, private adjacent bathroom
- ◆ Russell: Bright double bedroom with ensuite
- ◆ Grant: Lovely corner superking room with large ensuite
- ◆ Gunn (Master Bedroom): A spacious superking bedroom with ensuite
- ◆ Innes: Large top floor double bedroom with ensuite featuring a free standing bath
- ◆ Macduff & MacAlister: Adjoining double rooms with private bathrooms or shared bathroom to suit families
- ◆ MacGregor: Luxurious top floor king bedroom, with ensuite bathroom and free standing bath
- ◆ Wallace: Large, spacious superking room with ensuite (alternatively, this room can be split into twin beds)
- ◆ Upper & Lower Chalet: There are two further double ensuite rooms available in a chalet directly adjacent to the house

Catering

- ◆ Candacraig is hired on a fully catered basis
- ◆ Chefs: We have worked with the same chefs for many years and highly recommend their services
- ◆ Menus: All menus are tailored to each client requirement and can include full Scottish breakfast, lunch or picnic on the hill and dinner. Prices start from £120 per person per day. Soft drinks, water, tea/coffee, biscuits and fruit are complimentary and available all day
- ◆ Extras: All in-house fine wine and champagne list is available. Spirits and mixers can be organised. Guests are welcome to ship wines and spirits ahead of the event at no corkage fee

Whisky Library

- ◆ Through many years of collecting, our whisky library provides a leading selection of single malts and Scottish gins.
- ◆ Explore the nearby distilleries of The Glenlivet or Royal Lochnagar, or venture slightly farther afield to Speyside and visit distilleries such as The Macallan, Aberlour, Strathisla, Ben Riach, Glenfiddich to name a few. Host your own private whisky (or gin) tasting with our expert whisky tutor.

Dining room

- ◆ Candacraig's exceptional Highland hospitality deserves an exceptional space in which to enjoy it. Our sumptuously presented dining room offers the focus for a unique dining experience. Enjoy the pleasures of a luxurious candle-lit banquet, or simply relax with a wonderful meal shared with family.
- ◆ Our stunning dining room offers seating for up to thirty two guests, framed by luxurious tartan décor, setting the perfect scene to enjoy the wonders of Scotland's highly-prized produce. A private chef and discreet staff is on hand, freeing our guests to simply sit back and enjoy the wonders of the exceptional local cuisine.



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YOUR STAY (cont.)

Drawing room

- ◆ The opulent Drawing Room at Candacraig presents grandiose 17th century luxury at the heart of our wonderful private residence. Guests can relax beneath the elegantly decorated plaster ceiling, surrounded by the exceptional wood panelled walls that give the Drawing Room such a wonderfully unique character.
- ◆ This immaculately presented room truly is a striking space to share, with bookshelves lining the walls and the open hearth offering the warmth and relaxation of a log fire. The Drawing Room is a room to fall in love with, where guests can unwind in the quiet by the fire place or enjoy a lively ceilidh band and a dance.

Games room

- ◆ Candacraig's Games Room is the ideal setting to unwind. Challenge friends or family to a game on our billiards table, or relax with the comfort of a novel by the crackle of the open fire.
- ◆ The Games Room offers a relaxing space for all our guests, whether they are enjoying the pleasures of a long-anticipated family holiday or taking time to appreciate a leisurely moment in the midst of a high-powered corporate retreat.

Walled Garden

- ◆ Candacraig's historic and tranquil 3 acre Victorian walled garden is at the heart of our remarkable eighteen acre private estate.
- ◆ It offers the perfect setting to relax and enjoy the fresh, crisp Highland air surrounded by the soft breath of nature. Stroll the perfectly maintained hedge-lined paths or prepare yourself for a challenge with our giant chess set. Whatever the day brings, the walled garden offers a private outdoor space for all our guests to unwind and enjoy the moments that make Candacraig such a unique venue.

Private events

- ◆ Candacraig presents a unique setting for private events, providing bespoke luxury service for special occasions. We go out of our way to ensure every moment you spend with us is an exceptional experience.
- ◆ With our spectacular location in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, Candacraig presents the perfect setting for your own slice of Scottish excitement, offering everything from exquisitely catered private parties to the whoop and roar of an exhilarating Highland ceilidh.

Corporate events

- ◆ Our 17th century mansion not only frames a sensational setting, but offers all the key facilities for a successful business event, product launch or strategic retreat for your executive team. Thanks to our stylish private rooms, you also have the opportunity to run several breakout sessions in perfectly presented surroundings.
- ◆ If you want to refresh and recharge once the business is done, our eighteen acres of pristine, exclusive-use estate include a private lochan, an immaculate Victorian walled garden, as well as extensive grounds for you to relax or take part in team building exercises. Thanks to our location in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, there's no shortage of outdoor activities to invigorate the team, from world-class salmon or trout fishing and golf to exhilarating 4x4 off-roading.



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ACTIVITIES

The inhouse events team can assist in arranging a wonderful array of activities on and close to the Estate, along with places to visit and local attractions to offer an immersive Scottish Highland experience

Some suggested activities include

- ◆ Onsite laser clay shooting
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Falconry display
- ◆ Highland games on the lawn
- ◆ Whisky or Gin tasting from an experienced tutor
- ◆ Whisky or Gin distillery tours
- ◆ Fishing with a local Ghillie
- ◆ Cycling and mountain biking, including E-bikes
- ◆ Castle and history tours
- ◆ Balmoral Castle and grounds visit (From April to July)
- ◆ Victorian walled garden tour with the gardeners
- ◆ Massage and beauty treatments
- ◆ 4x4 off road safari
- ◆ Personal photographer
- ◆ Hikes and hill-walks into the National park
- ◆ Foraging
- ◆ Horse riding
- ◆ Farm tours to experience majestic tame Highland cattle up close
- ◆ Bespoke tartan or tweed design consultation
- ◆ Cookery classes with local produce and whisky pairing





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LOCATION

Directions to Candacraig

- ◆ Candacraig is easily accessible, whether you are flying, travelling by train or making your own way by car. Those looking to drive may wish to use our postcode, AB36 8XT, to assist with navigation.

Travelling from Aberdeen

- ◆ We are less than an hour's drive from Aberdeen International Airport, and only slightly further from the city's rail station, with its frequent services to routes throughout the UK. From the airport, take the A96 towards Inverness, then turn left onto B979 towards Kirkton of Skene. Turn right onto the A944, staying on this road through the town of Alford until you reach the turn off on the left for the A97 towards Strathdon. Continue straight onto the A944 towards Strathdon. Continue straight onto the A944 towards Strathdon. The gates to Candacraig are on your left, 2 miles past the village of Bellabeg.

Traveling from Edinburgh

- ◆ If you are driving from Edinburgh Airport, take the M90 towards Perth, continue to the A93 North following the Old Military Road through the picturesque roads of Glenshee and Braemar. Turn left after Balmoral Castle onto the B976, left again onto the A939, then right onto the A944 signposted to Strathdon. The gates to Candacraig are on your right hand side after about 4 miles.





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PRICES

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Exclusive use

- ◆ POA
- ◆ Please enquire for availability, pricing, packages & options

?Inclusive of:

- ◆ Fully staffed 24 hours per day including House manager, Butler and Nigh Porter
- ◆ Housekeeping and turn down service
- ◆ Serving staff at mealtimes
- ◆ Daily continental breakfast (full Scottish is available at supplement charge)
- ◆ Tea, coffee, fruit, biscuits and refreshments are available all day in the kitchen
- ◆ Complimentary selection of pre/post dinner drinks in the whisky library
- ◆ Full itinerary planning
- ◆ Flowers in all public rooms and bedrooms

Christmas & New Year

- ◆ POA
- ◆ Please enquire for availability, pricing, packages & options
- ◆ POA

Booking terms

- ◆ 30% deposit is required to secure any booking
- ◆ The remaining balance is then required 60 days prior to arrival
- ◆ A credit card will be taken one week prior to arrival to pay for any extras during your stay





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