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Glencalvie Estate



Glencalvie Estate is beautifully situated about an hour north of Inverness. Approached through part of the Caledonian Forest at the head of the Strathcarron, is one of the finest estates in the Highlands. Extending to over 20,000 acres, the ground rises to the top of Carn Chuinneag at 2,749 ft, providing stunning views to the east and west coasts.

Glen Diebidale and Glencalvie are some of the most picturesque glens in this part of Rosshire. They are home to a variety of wildlife including, Red, Sika and Roe Deer. It is possible to see Golden Eagles, Ptarmigan, Grouse and many resident and migratory smaller species.

It is also an ideal base from which to explore the Highlands of Scotland including the famous driving route known as the North Coast 500, a day trip to the historic Orkney Islands, marine wildlife tours, golf, hillwalking and mountain biking.

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Fishing

The River Carron at Glencalvie is one of Scotland's most spectacular locations to cast a fly. The fishing platform at the falls is legendary and in low water it is possible to watch serried ranks salmon waiting to ascend to the upper river. In periods of medium to high flows there is some of the most productive fishing in Scotland for up to 6 rods.



Glencalvie Lodge sleeps 14

June (w/c 14.06.20 or 21.06.20)

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| Accommodation: | £3480.00 (self-catered) | |
| Fishing | 4 rods on the Gruinards | £3090.00 |
| | 2 rods on Glencalvie Fishing | £1860.00 |

July (w/c 19.07.20 or 26.07.20 or 02.08.20)

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| Accommodation: | £4860.00 (self-catered) | |
| Fishing | 4 rods on the Gruinards | £3612.00 |
| | 2 rods on Glencalvie Fishing | £1860.00 |

**dates are all subject to availability*

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On the Estate

Guided Hillwalking – enjoy a day's walking out on the Estate with an experienced guide who will also be able to talk about the Estate activities and how it is managed. We can also organise a hillwalking guide for other hills in the area. See below for more ideas.

Argocat Tour – enjoy an off-road adventure on the Estate with an 8 wheel Argocat.

BBQ on the Estate – with Mac n' Wild who specialise in showcasing the best of Scotland's produce including wild venison, beef and seafood.



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Whale Watching

Transfer from Glencalvie Estate to Gairloch or Ullapool for a Whale Watching Experience on a Private Tour.

This cruise goes directly to the Shiant Islands to have a tour around them to see predominantly the 240,000 Puffins, Whitetailed Eagles (Sea Eagles) and 500+ Common/Grey Seals.



Tartan & Tweeds

Visit Prickly Thistle nr Beaulie to design your own Tartan – the only bespoke tartan design studio in the Highlands. Meet Clare Campbell the owner.

Or take a backroom tour of Campbells of Beaulie. They hold a Royal Warrant by Her Majesty the Queen for Tailoring. They make beautiful Scottish Tweeds and you could return home with a whole set of clothes specially tailored for you. Campbell's of Beaulie make all their garments by hand in our own workshop. Every order is individually measured to the client, one of the few tailors in Scotland offering this process.



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Outlander Tour



Take a private tour exploring some of the many special locations in which Outlander was filmed including the Fraser Stone at Culloden Moor, the Cloutie Well and Urquhart Castle on Loch Ness.

Tutored Whisky Tasting at Glencalvie



Glenmorangie, Clynelish and Balblair Distilleries are all in the area and Ossian Experiences would be delighted to organise a Tutored Whisky Tasting with one of the Brand Ambassadors at Glencalvie one evening. This event can also be organised with a local catering company where each course is paired with a whisky.

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Cape Wrath & Handa Island Experience

From Kylesku in Sutherland, take a boat to explore Handa Island and Cape Wrath.

Handa Island is a small island off the West Coast and in the summer is home to nearly 100,000 seabirds breed here, including internationally important numbers of guillemots, razorbills and great skuas. These dramatic cliffs provide stunning ocean panoramas.

Cape Wrath is only accessible by minibus usually but this tour takes you by boat to land at the Cape and giving you the opportunity to visit the Ozone Café and the Lighthouse. It is truly spectacular!



Golf at Royal Dornoch or Castle Stuart

Ossian Experiences can book advance tee-times at both these stunning and classic Golf Courses. **Royal Dornoch** is spellbinding and many golfers from all over the world make the pilgrimage to this natural links at some point in their lives. It is often quoted as one of the must-play courses.

Castle Stuart has very quickly become another must-play for golfers. Fantastic scenery, beautiful fairways and enticing challenges, they're all here. See what you could be experiencing, one of the best links courses in the world.

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Brora Golf Course is an 18 hole championship course recognised as being one of James Braid's finest pieces of work and is a must-play for keen golfers who enjoy the history & heritage of the game. The original design is presented beautifully and it is the perfect balance between challenge and fun and in a breath-taking setting too.

Other golf courses that are fine examples of Scottish Golf are Golspie and Durness – all known as Hidden Gems.



Dornoch

Famous for its magnificent Championship Golf Course, Dornoch is also well-known as the place that Madonna married Guy Ritchie in Dornoch Cathedral – dating back to the C13th.

Dornoch is a bustling hive of activity with lots of independent shops to explore and if you love Hot Chocolate, we would highly recommend a visit to the Cocoa Mountain Café – they make their very own luxury chocolates too. And the wonderful thing is that you could enjoy them twice whilst staying at Glencalvie as you could also visit their original site in Durness, also on the North Coast 500.



Tain

Love pottery? Tain has two very well-known potteries – Anta Pottery and Tain Pottery – and you are able to visit their showrooms and potteries.

Classic Car Hire or Sports Car Hire

Hire a Sports Car (eg Ferrari or Aston Martin) or a Classic Car (eg a Jaguar E-Type Coupe or a Austin Healey 3000 MKIII) for a couple of days

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and enjoy driving the scenic routes around Glencalvie including parts of the North Coast 500.

- Travel up to Durness for a visit to Smoo Cave and some of the most majestic beaches in Sutherland including the beautiful Melvich Beach.
- Visit Castle and Gardens of Mey, former home to Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.
- Head West to Gairloch and Applecross driving some of the most scenic & dramatic roads in Scotland



Explore the North Coast 500 by Motorbike

- There is nothing like having the wind in your face travelling along beautiful scenic roads, ideal for motobikes.
- Ossian Experiences would be delighted to organise Motorbike Hire for a couple of days when you can explore the North Coast 500. Hire includes factory fitted GPS, luggage boxes, wet weather gear, jackets, gloves and a crash helmet if required.



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Castle Mey & Gardens with North Coast 500 to Tongue

Home to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, when she died, it passed into a Trust and is now open to the public during the summer months. Packed full of history that is integral to much of Caithness, it is well worth a visit.



From here, we suggest you travel West towards Tongue. The scenery is spectacular – with beautiful open seascapes and unspoilt beaches. And you will be travelling across open Moorland too – known as the Flow Country – heading towards a more rugged outlook as the great mountains of Sutherland start to appear on the horizon.

Make a stop on Melvich Beach - the small stretch of unspoilt pristine white sands boasts clear turquoise waters, backed by grassy dunes.. Keep your eyes peeled – you might be lucky to catch sight of an otters, seals and an array of nesting birds.



Continue towards Tongue – which owes its name to the Vikings who once occupied the area and is taken from the Old Norse word “tunga” – indicating the shape of the piece of land jutting out into the loch. Ben Loyal, a mountain of 764 metres and known as the Queen of Scottish Mountains with its distinctive shape. If the weather is clear, you will also be able to look across to Ben Hope, the most northerly of munros. Munros are mountains over 3000ft.

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From Tongue, head south again back towards Bonar Bridge and Glencalvie Estate. The beautiful journey will take you through the heart of Sutherland and a great wilderness, passing the foot of Ben Loyal.