



WELCOME

You'll find Blair Castle in a traditional Scottish village surrounded by hills. A tree-lined avenue leads to a perfect setting with the Banvie Burn running by.

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



THE ROOMS & COLLECTIONS

Thirty rooms are open to view, each alive with characters from the past. Scenes 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 ornamental 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



GARDENS AND GROUNDS

The 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 18th century folly the Whim, for the view from its gothic arches.

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



BLAIR CASTLE THROUGH THE SEASONS

The Castle is beautifully decorated for the weekends leading up to Christmas and visitors can warm up by the fire in the ballroom with a traditional Sunday Lunch. Visit Santa in his magical woodland grotto and enjoy the enchanting transformation of the gardens as the frost arrives.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, there are special tours, events, activities and performances. The Atholl Estate Rangers offer a range of walks and family nature workshops.

The Atholl Gathering each May brings the Atholl Highlanders together for a traditional Highland Show, while the Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair takes place every August.

FAMILIES

Blair Castle and Gardens makes a great day out for the whole family. Don't miss the chance to take a fun tractor ride, take part in the Castle Detectives Quiz, spot birds and animals and raid the castle's dressing-up box.





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 Vintage 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 historic 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.

For more information on our range of accommodation, visit www.atholl-estates.co.uk or call 01796 481263.



OPENING TIMES & PRICES

Summer

25 March – 31 October Every Day 9.30am – 5.30pm
Closed 26 & 27 October for Glenfiddich Championships

Winter

Highlands Craft Fair 8 – 10 November 10am – 4pm
Christmas Events 14–15 & 21–22 December 10am–4pm

Castle & Gardens		Gardens Only	
Adult	£9.80	Adult	£5.40
Concession	£8.30	Concession	£5.40
Child	£5.80	Child	£2.50
Family Ticket	£26.00	Family Ticket:	£13.50

ANNUAL EVENTS

25 & 26 May Atholl Highlander Parade and Highland Games
22 – 25 August Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair

THE TREASURE TICKET

Visit Blair Castle, Glamis Castle and Scone Palace
Treasure tickets are on sale at Blair Castle and valid from March 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

Daily local buses from Pitlochry

Tel: 01796 481207

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Blair Castle and Gardens

Historic treasures of Atholl Estates



HOME OF THE DUKES OF ATHOLL & 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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