



## OPENING TIMES & PRICES

**1 November 2011 to 24 March 2012**

Tuesdays & Saturdays  
9.30am to 2.30pm (last admission to castle 1.30pm)  
Festive Season opening: See website for details.

**26 March to 2 November 2012**

Daily 9.30am to 5.30pm (last admission to castle 4.30pm)  
The castle will be closed 27 & 28 October.

	Group Rates Winter 2011/12		Group Rates Summer 2012		Group Rates Winter 2012/13	
	Castle & Gardens	Gardens Only	Castle & Gardens	Gardens Only	Castle & Gardens	Gardens Only
Adults	£5.95	FREE	£7.15	£4.30	£6.10	FREE
Seniors/Students	£5.95	FREE	£7.15	£4.30	£6.10	FREE
Children (5-16)	£4.25	FREE	£5.25	£2.40	£4.30	FREE
Disabled	£2.55	FREE	£2.85	FREE	£2.60	FREE

### Disabled Access

The ground floor of the castle is fully accessible by wheelchair and gives access to several display rooms, the gift shop, restaurant, disabled toilet and audio visual presentation of the castle. A wheelchair is available for use if required – advanced booking recommended.

An electric scooter for limited ability users may be hired giving access to the grounds.

### Advice to drivers and couriers

Drivers, couriers and tour guides receive complimentary admission and vouchers for use in the castle's Tullibardine Restaurant and shop. Free coach parking is located within 100 yards of the castle.

### Where to find us

Blair Castle and the village of Blair Atholl are just off the main Perth/Inverness road (A9), 35 miles north of Perth. Blair Atholl is approximately 90 minutes drive from Edinburgh and from Glasgow.

## CONTACT US

### Group enquiries:

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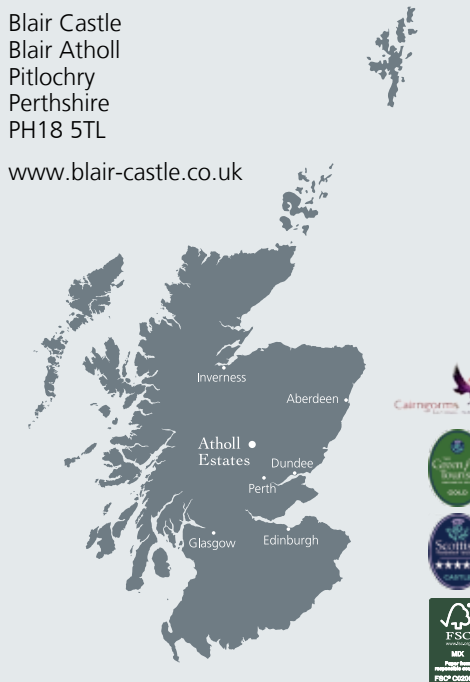
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Estates  
Blair Castle

An Invitation to  
Groups

The Ancient Seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl



## Blair Castle

The magnificent five star Blair Castle is set in the heart of Atholl Estates which stretches across 145,000 acres of glorious Highland Perthshire and is located at the foot of the Cairngorms. Steeped in history, the castle and gardens are open to the public for day visitors, corporate events, functions and weddings.

Explore seven centuries of history through the fascinating historic interior of Blair Castle. As a draughty medieval castle, a stately Georgian mansion, or a comfortable Victorian family home, Blair Castle has been a magnet to visitors down the generations. An extensive tour takes in up to 30 rooms full of treasures and alive with stories and personalities of their former occupants.

### Highlights of the visit include:

- The Victorian ballroom bedecked with 175 pairs of antlers
- The superb China Room featuring more than 1700 individual pieces including Blue Dresden, Coalport and a Chien-lung armorial service
- A display of armoury which includes a targe used at the Battle of Culloden.
- The Picture Staircase housing a grand display of family portraiture
- The Atholl Highlanders Room, with displays tracing the private army's history from 1788 to present day
- Extensive collections of royal tapestries, furniture and exquisite lace.
- The traditional sound of the Scottish bagpipes played by our own piper three times daily during the summer months.

Blair Castle has played host to a string of illustrious visitors including Bonnie Prince Charlie, Queen Victoria and Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan.

## Guided Tours

Guided tours are available free to groups of 12 or more, subject to availability on the day. Pre-booking is recommended and booked tours are given priority. At busy times and in our high season, it is not always possible to provide dedicated guides, but we have guides available along the visitor route to answer questions during free flow tours. Guided tours of the castle generally take about 50 minutes. It is recommended that you allocate at least 90 minutes for a visit to Blair Castle.

### Languages

As well as English, tours are usually available by prior arrangement in German and French, subject to availability on the day. Some other languages may occasionally be offered. Room notes are provided in 10 languages including English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Dutch, Swedish, Japanese and Chinese.

### Guidebooks

Fully illustrated guidebooks are available at £3.50 per copy in English, German, French and Italian.

*\* Prices correct at time of print, please check our website for current prices.*

## Tractor Tours & Rides

### Tractor Tours

Explore the grounds of Blair Castle and the surrounding landscape on a 90 minute vintage tractor and trailer tour. Traveling at a leisurely pace you'll visit parts of the castle grounds many visitors never get to see as you travel through farmland, woodland and along the maze of estate tracks. The tours offer many opportunities to see the animals which live on the estate including red deer, Highland ponies and Highland cattle.

Group Tractor Tours: Adult £5, Children (under 16) £3 (minimum fee of £80 payable), seats up to 30 people.

### Tractor Rides

Shorter 20 minute Tractor Rides are also available which show the immediate Castle Grounds, Highland ponies, Highland cattle and red deer.

Group Tractor Ride: £1.50 per person (groups of 12 or more). The maximum number for the tours is 30 people.

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## Tullibardine Restaurant

The Blair Castle Tullibardine Restaurant seats up to 125 people and is open during the summer season from 10.00am until 5.00pm daily (limited opening hours in winter). Cooked lunches, teas and coffees, are available for groups by prior arrangement. Smaller groups can enjoy private lunches in the restaurant's Garry Room which can accommodate up to 35 people. The restaurant serves a range of food and refreshments including hot meals, sandwiches, soups, salads and cakes, all handmade at the castle.

Where possible the restaurant uses a wide range of local produce and organic fresh meat from Atholl Glens.

For more information about menus available to groups please visit our website.

If you wish to pre-arrange morning/afternoon tea or a group lunch, please arrange when booking your visit.

## Blair Castle Gardens

Blair Castle is at the hub of a breathtaking historic landscape most of which was laid out in the 18th century.

Hercules Garden is a stunning 9 acre walled garden recently restored to its original Georgian design. Named after the life-sized statue of Hercules which overlooks the garden, it incorporates landscaped ponds, a folly, a Chinese bridge and an impressive orchard of more than 100 fruit trees. The glory of this garden in summer are the herbaceous borders which run along the 275 metre south-facing wall.

Diana's Grove, a tranquil wooded area adjacent to the castle affords a unique opportunity to enjoy some of the country's finest and tallest trees in a space of just 2 acres.

A delightful sculpture trail around the gardens incorporates contemporary and 18th century sculpture as well as 8 new works, letter-carving on stone from the Memorial Arts Charity's Art and Memory Collection.