

# Cammachmore House

Region: Scotland Sleeps: 20

## Overview

This is a Scottish country house that exudes charm and character with a fascinating history that goes back centuries. Set in 20 acres of well-maintained grounds, gardens, lawns and woodland, this traditional country house is a joy to walk into and soak up the atmosphere. The large reception hall is a great place to welcome your guests in style before moving to the stylish drawing room with its open fire to add further warmth. Next door is the equally fine dining room, which is adorned in the country house style.

All the bedrooms and bathrooms are to be found on the floor above, which involve many steps as you walk through different eras of the house itself. A housekeeper lives on the estate and is on hand if required, whilst gardening staff come and go in the garden. Easily accessible from anywhere in the UK, with Aberdeen International airport nearby, this country house has entertained kings and queens from around the world and is available to royally entertain again on a self-catering basis.

The first thing you will notice is what an impressively large space the reception hall is and a great place to have drinks and to meet and greet your guests. From here you can go into the large drawing-room, with its comfortable sofas and open fire, which is a light, airy room at the corner of the building. The stylish dining room is located next door with the main table seating up to 16, with the addition of a smaller table to dine 18 people. A study is the opposite, which is a cosy room with comfortable seating, with views overlooking the garden. There are two cloakrooms available either side of the reception hall, both with w.c.'s, with one of them being wheelchair friendly.

The elegant dining room is located off the drawing room and is a bright room full of ancestral pictures. The main table can seat up to 16 people, and with the addition of a smaller table, all 18 people can be seated within this room. The kitchen is the other side of the reception hall and is a practical kitchen with an AGA and an electric hob and oven, allowing plenty of cooking capacity for the numbers required. Additionally, there is a larder next door for additional storage, and a utility room beyond. A breakfast room is off the kitchen, with a table that can seat 10 to 12 people. A rear door allows easy access to the kitchen, and the room that houses any visiting dogs is at this entrance.

Accessed via an electronic gate and set within a walled enclosure of 20 acres, there is an impressive drive, which leads up to the house. With a lawn to the



side where croquet can be played in the summer, to the rear there a decorative pond and parkland. The rest of the garden includes further lawn, decorative areas and a walled garden, which in the summer months will be a wonderful sight.

## Facilities

Manor • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • AGA • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

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## *Ground Floor*

- Impressive reception hall
- Large drawing room with comfortable sofas and open fire
- Stylish separated dining room with main table for 16 people and additional smaller table
- Cosy study room with comfortable seatings and views to the garden
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- Fully equipped kitchen with an AGA and an electric hob and oven
- Breakfast room for 12 people
- Utility room with washing machine and tumble dryer

## *First Floor*

- Bouble bedroom with en-suite bathroom; bath with shower over, w.c and wash hand basin
- Zip-and-link bedroom with and private bathroom; bath tub, separate shower cabinet, w.c and wash hand basin
- Zip-and-link bedroom with shower room; shower cabinet, w.c and wash hand basin and additional bathroom; bath with shower attachment, w.c and wash hand basin
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom; bath with shower attachment, additional shower cabinet, w.c and wash hand basin
- Zip-and-link bed, with en-suite shower room; shower cabinet, w.c and wash hand basin
- Small double bed with shared bathroom; bath with shower attachment, w.c and wash hand basin
- Zip-and-link bedroom
- Double room
- Single bedrooms
- Shared bathroom; bath, separate shower cabinet, w.c and wash hand basin

## *Top Floor*

- Zip-and-link bed, with en-suite bathroom; bath with shower attachment, w.c and wash hand basin

## *Exterior Grounds*

- Large lawn area
- Impressive drive leading to the house
- Decorative pound
- Outdoor dining



- Parkland
- Private parking

**Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi connection
- Central heating
- Barbecue
- CD player
- TV (freeview)

## Location & Local Information

Located in a country setting inland from the sea, between Aberdeen and Stonehaven, it is only 10 miles from the bustling, vibrant city of Aberdeen. Golf courses in the area include Royal Aberdeen and Trump International at Menie. Whilst in the area a trip to Dunnottar Castle is a must, whilst a tour in Royal Deeside is always popular. Fishing on the Dee for salmon is a popular pastime. Local distilleries include Fettercairn, Glen Garioch and Royal Lochnagar.

### Golf

#### Local courses

**Portlethen – 4 km (Par 72)** – Portlethen opened in 1990 and was designed by Donald Steel. The course is a good example of a parkland layout with many excellent natural features. The par five 485-yard fourth hole is a hole that requires caution, instead of valour.

Here, you face the decision whether to lay up short of the burn or attempt the carry to set up a birdie chance. The 15th is undoubtedly the signature hole of the course.

**Stonehaven – 14 km (Par 66)** – Stonehaven has some of the most dramatic holes on Scotland's east coast. These are breath taking golf vistas that could grace the front cover of any golf magazine. While it looks dramatic, playing it is another matter.

With most of the holes perched on headland and a parkland section on the other side of the railway line, Stonehaven is not your typical coastal course. It is however a unique challenge and the views are simply glorious.

**Deeside Golf Club – 15 km (Par 70)** – Founded in 1903, Deeside takes its name from the river valley which climbs westward from Aberdeen into the beautiful hill country of Braemar and Balmoral.

Over the last few years major reconstruction work has taken place to provide a testing 6, 424-yards 18 hole course in which only five of the holes from the old course are virtually unchanged. These include the 15th (the old sixth), which bears the name James Braid, who was adviser to the club during previous course alterations.

**Royal Aberdeen – 20 km (Par 64)** The Balgownie Links is one of the oldest courses in the world and, as such, has attracted many top players over the years. Even some of them have found it to be a tough test and, for many, it is a perfect example of the exacting nature of links golf.



The 18th is a par-4 measuring 434 yards and is reckoned to be one of the best finishing holes anywhere in the country.

Trump International – 32 km (Par 71) – The eagerly-anticipated Trump International Golf Links opened in July 2012 to an enormous fanfare – and rightly so. The first golf development constructed in Europe by billionaire Donald Trump, the course near Balmedie in Aberdeenshire is nothing short of spectacular and seems destined to host high-profile golf tournaments before too long.

Set amongst what Trump has renamed 'The Great Dunes of Scotland', the course has been designed by renowned architect Martin Hawtree and makes full use of its stunning natural environment. It is no exaggeration to say that there is not a weak hole on the course, with the par-3 13th and par-4 14th perhaps the two best back-to-back holes.

## **Castles**

Dunnottar Castle – 14 km – A romantic, evocative and historically significant ruined Castle, perched on a giant conglomerate on the edge of the North-Sea. Once seen – never forgotten.

Drum Castle, Garden and Estate – 19 km – One of Scotland's oldest tower houses, has a real medieval Jacobite setting with a Walled Garden of Historic Roses that you can stroll through, or choose from three waymarked trails to explore.

Crathes Castle – 19 km – You can wander along the Coy Burn for a chance to spot buzzards, herons and kingfishers. Spend as long or as short a time as you please exploring the castle grounds with six woodland trails taking you all over the gardens.

Balmoral Castle – 71 km – Balmoral Castle has been the Scottish home of the Royal Family since it was purchased for Queen Victoria by Prince Albert in 1852, having been first leased in 1848. The Castle is an example of Scots Baronial architecture and is classified by Historic Scotland as a category A listed building.

Braemar Castle – 86 km – A 17th century castle with a colourful past and an exciting future. Built by the Earl of Mar in 1628, it has been hunting lodge, fortress, garrison and family home.

## **Beaches**

Aberdeen Beach – 17 km -Here is a city beach with bucket and spade-loads of charm! With an art-deco inspired esplanade, the golden coastline stretches 3

km and is one of the best places in Scotland to see bottlenose dolphins in the summer. Keep going along the esplanade towards Footdee, an area known locally as 'Fittie', and discover a former fishing village with oodles of 19th century appeal, lined with clusters of quirky cottages originally built for fishermen working along the harbour.

Stonehaven Beach – 14 km – Stonehaven is a popular coastal resort, which is well used by water sports enthusiasts. The area designated is Stonehaven Bay which is approximately 1.1km in length, bound by the outflow of the River Carron and the harbour jetty to the south and rocky outcrops at the northern end. The southern end of the bay is more sandy and therefore gets greater usage by bathers.

St Cyrus Beach Nature Reserve– 47 km – The St Cyrus National Nature Reserve is very often not first on a visitor's list of things to see and do, yet this lovely little Scottish nature reserve carefully preserves a wide variety of distinctive plant species. It features a variety of habitats and is also home to a number of birds and insects.

Balmedie Beach – 32 km – Explore miles of beautiful flat sandy beach, you can walk either north or south for several miles. Access is via the car park along board walks, through the dunes to the beach. Facilities also include a ranger centre, toilets and shops.

### **Walking and Cycling**

Walking– The more southerly parts of Aberdeenshire have a wide variety of scenery. The upper parts of Deeside are covered in our Cairngorms National Park section, but lower Deeside too has some fine woodland scenery and lower hills, stretching down from Aboyne through Banchory to reach the very edge of Aberdeen. The area is packed out with forest and riverside walks. The high Cairn o'Mount road offers fabulous views before it descends to link with Fettercairn and the more lowland Mearns.

The coastline has attractions of its own. Stonehaven has a fine harbour but it is the spectacular ruin of Dunnottar Castle nearby that draws the crowds and photographers – it has one of the finest settings in Scotland. Further south, St Cyrus is a beautiful coastal nature reserve with a sandy beach. For routes – [www.walkhighlands.co.uk/aberdeenshire/stonehaven.shtml](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/aberdeenshire/stonehaven.shtml)

Road Cycling – Aberdeenshire's rural and wide winding roads matched with its picture-perfect panoramic mountainous landscapes, make it the idyllic place for road cycling in Scotland.

The terrain in this part of Scotland varies from coastal passes and rolling farmland to challenging climbs, including the iconic Cairn O' Mount, between

Banchory and Stonehaven, where gradients of up to 18% will challenge even the fittest legs.

Ride through Royal Deeside to the Cairngorms National Park and take on the challenge of the UK's highest pass at the Glenshee ski centre, or turn right at Ballater towards The Lecht and test yourself on what is recognised as one of the toughest, and most spectacular, road climbs in the country.

Further south, enjoy the sea breeze as you pass the iconic ruins of Dunnottar Castle on an Aberdeenshire coastal route or travel via the historic manor of Haddo House to through the Banffshire Coast.

Mountain Biking – Imagine how you will feel mountain biking across Scottish Munros, immense lochs, heathery moors, ancient forests, great estates and wide sandy expanses. Venture off the beaten track in Aberdeenshire as you take in endless views of rugged coasts and mountainous landscapes.

You will find routes and trails designed to challenge all abilities. Start your journey by finding your feet or testing your skill at one of the purpose-built bike parks across Aberdeenshire.

For rugged rides on an abundance of natural trails make your way to the Deeside delights near Banchory, Aboyne and Ballater – think loamy corners, roots and rocky descents with fun trail features all surrounded by remarkable scenery.

There is also the opportunity to follow in the tracks of the racers as you take on the 'enduro' trails at Hill of Fare, Pitfichie and Drumtochty. Get ready to earn your descents by pedalling up and then testing your bike skills as you will be faced with steep descents packed with surprises.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Aberdeen Airport (24 km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Edinburgh Airport (191 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Portlethen (5 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Aberdeen (19 km)</b>

Nearest Restaurant	<b>Slate &amp; Grain Brasserie</b> (3 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Newton Arms</b> (7 km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Tesco Metro</b> (11 km)
Nearest Beach	<b>Muchalls Beach</b> (7 km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Portlethen Golf Club</b> (5 km)

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £500 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, Bed linen, and towels are included in the rental price.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price (please remember that it is a rural connection and so it may not be as strong as it is at home!)
- Minimum stay: 3 nights in low season and 7 nights in high season
- Changeover day: Friday
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of £10 per pet per week will apply (paid locally, max of 2 pets welcome).
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Tax: Included in the rental price.
- Other Ts and Cs: Whilst this venue can be booked on a self-catering basis, any additional catering services can only be provided by the nominated caterer who are Hudsons Catering (01224 791 100). No other catering services provider will be allowed access.
- Other Ts and Cs: Stag and hen bookings, may not book this property, unless discussed in advance for approval.