



The Perfect Highland Escape

Glencoe House, built by Lord Strathcona in 1896, sits majestically overlooking Glencoe, Scotland's most famous Highland landscape; only 2 hours from Glasgow and 2.5 hours from Edinburgh by car.



The Glencoe House Suites



THE LOCATION - ideally situated for exploring the Highlands

In the immediate vicinity, there are endless opportunities for hiking. Famous mountains for serious walkers and climbers in the area include: The Three Sisters of Glencoe; The Pap of Glencoe; and of course, the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis.

There are also opportunities aplenty for those who are keen to get their adrenaline pumping through, for example, skiing, rafting and canyoning. Mountain bikers can also pitch their skills against the UCI World Mountain Bike Cup course or the series of trails near Kinlochleven; experience the wild, natural environment for yourself.

For a more chilled pastime many opt for a stroll along the white sands of Morar beach or join a wildlife tour; who doesn't want to explore remote parts of the coastline to see golden eagles, seals and porpoise in their natural habitat?

If you are interested in history, Castle Stalker and Inveraray Castle offer the chance of a glimpse back in time. In addition, the Glenfinnan monument of Bonnie Prince Charlie and visitors centre offer into superb sights into the Jacobite plight. Glenfinnan is also the location for the railway viaduct made famous by Hogwarts Express and is a firm favourite for Harry Potter lovers.



THE SUITES - two distinct accommodation concepts

The hotel comprises fourteen generous private suites (from 75-148 sq. metres), which offer elegant but relaxed and sumptuous accomodation, with the space and privacy to really kick your shoes off and unwind.

The Glencoe House Suites are situated in the mansion house where guests can live like Lord and Lady of the manor; the scale of each suite allows guests to effectively occupy your own wing. One and two-bedroom suites are available, all boasting lavish bathrooms and a substantial sitting room, which enjoy an array of period features including marble fireplaces, intricate plasterwork ceilings and antique furniture. Most suites benefit from the luxury of an open fire, which can be lit to give a warm glow of an afternoon or in the evening, while enjoying a drink from the generously stocked bar in your antique sideboard. A distinguishing feature of the Glencoe House Suites is the unique dining experience. Breakfast and a candle lit five-course dinner are served at your private dining room table located in your suite. Dress up or dress down – the choice is truly yours – you will enjoy an elegant restaurant experience but without fellow diners.

The Bell Tower Suites at Glencoe House are located, in a characterful building situated just 50 metres from the mansion house. The Bell Tower Building contains one-bedroom suites

where privacy is central. These suites have a modern country look and feel, which is fitting for their Highland location. The open plan living space includes a comfortable sitting room with wood-burning stove for those cosy romantic evenings. Dining in The Bell Tower Suites is extremely flexible, guests have the exclusive option of a seasonal five course menu formally served in the glamorous Great Hall of Glencoe House. Alternatively, each Bell Tower Suite has a fully equipped kitchen complete with AGA-oven so guests can remain in splendid seclusion. A popular option is to simply slip a pre-prepared, gourmet meals into the AGA oven and choose their accompanying wine from your generous in-suite bar; effortless indulgent, private dining without being disturbed by fellow guests or waiting staff. The ground floor also contains a luxurious bathroom with Aveda toiletries while an elegant staircase takes you to the first-floor mezzanine that contains a peaceful bedroom with en-suite WC. Each suite also enjoys the luxury of a private walled garden with hot tub; there is something to be said for star gazing from your private hot tub!



The Bell Tower Suites





THE HISTORY *-from 1896 to present*

The mansion was built in 1896 by Donald Alexander Smith (later to become Lord Strathcona), who was born in Scotland but made his fortune in Canada and rose to the position of the Governor of the Hudson Bay Company. He also became celebrated for being the instigator of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's first transcontinental railway connecting the east of the country with British Columbia in the west.

Lord Strathcona had a long and happy marriage to Isabella and his vision for Glencoe House was that the house should celebrate his marriage; symbols of their love can be seen in the exterior stonework of the building and in plasterwork throughout the house. Donald was 75 years old when he commissioned Glencoe House to be built so you are never too old!

Robert Rowand Anderson, a significant architect of his time, was appointed to build Glencoe House. His most prominent work includes; Mount Stuart for the 3rd Marquis of Bute in 1878; National Portrait Gallery and Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh 1884 and also the Royal residence of Balmoral Castle in 1902. He was awarded many honours, most notably a Knighthood in 1902 and in 1916 he was presented the Royal Gold Medal, which was the highest accolade from the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The building has historically occupied a prominent position within the landscape and the hearts of the community. Glencoe House

was a designated convalescent hospital for military personnel with 38 beds during World War 2. Glencoe House's link with medicine was to continue, the building was gifted to the local authorities in capacity as a hospital in the late 1940s and became a maternity hospital. Indeed, a number of guests who were born in the building have returned for significant birthdays and even to get married, which demonstrated the continuity the building has in individuals' lives. Latterly the role of the hospital moved towards surgical convalescence and geriatric patients and the building closed its doors to patients for the last time in 2009. The building had played a large part in many people's lives and has a special resonance with the local population.

After the closure of the building, the community were given a 2-year period to buy Glencoe House. With no success, it was subsequently put on the open market and the husband and wife team, Roger Niemeyer and Judy Pate, bought the property in July 2011. The building had been a hospital for over 60 years and required extensive restoration and the team painstakingly unearthed the original features and restored the mansion back to its former glory. Glencoe House was built in 1896 by Lord Strathcona to entertain friends and family and as a 5 - star hotel, it is the guests that brings the house back to life.



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