

Attics Tours

Discover the secrets of Blair Castle's attics. The tour culminates in a climb to the castle rooftops for breathtaking panoramic views of the castle gardens (weather permitting).

Tours take place every Sunday at 2pm (1 May to end October).

Admission: £15 per person (fee includes access to the full castle tour).

Please note: This tour involves steep and narrow stairs and is only suitable for the fully able.

Weddings and Functions

We welcome enquiries for weddings, private functions, dinners, receptions, Highland balls, corporate events and product launches.

Please contact us on **01796 481207** for our weddings and functions brochures or visit www.blaircastleweddings.co.uk and www.blaircastlefunctions.co.uk



the
Treasure
Ticket

Visit... Blair Castle, Glamis Castle and Scone Palace.

Adults £24 • Children £14 • Senior Citizen £21 • Family Ticket (2 Adults + 3 Children) £60

Treasure Tickets are on sale at Blair Castle and are valid throughout the whole of the 2011 season. Ticket allows one visit per attraction. Each member offers varying entrance dates/times – we advise that you check with venue re opening.

Attractions are all members of **Great Scotland**. www.greatscotland.co.uk

Admission prices

Admission Charges 2011	Castle and Gardens	Gardens only
Adults	£9.25	£5.10
Senior Citizens	£7.95	£5.10
Children	£5.65	£2.40
Family Ticket*	£25	£12.50

*Family Ticket Admits 2 adults and up to 3 children.

Groups

Discounted entry rates apply for groups of 12 or more. Please contact us in advance on **01796 481207** to make a booking.

Discover Atholl Estates...

Blair Castle is at the heart of the 145,000 acre Atholl Estates. Taking in some of Highland Perthshire's finest scenery and part of the Cairngorms National Park, Atholl Estates is an amazing place to explore. For further information about accommodation and activities please visit www.atholl-estates.co.uk or pick up a leaflet in the castle.



Atholl Estates Blair Castle



Opening Times

From 1 April to 28 October 2011
Daily from 9.30am to 5.30pm
(last admission to castle by 4.30pm).

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.

Blair Atholl Station has regular connecting services from all the major Scottish cities, and the Caledonian Sleeper to and from London Euston stops at Blair Atholl. Local buses run daily from Pitlochry.

Contact us

We warmly welcome enquiries and bookings by telephone, fax, email or mail.

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Ancient walls, glorious gardens

Blair Castle



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Blair Castle and Gardens

Nestling like a white jewel in the dramatic Highland Perthshire landscape, Blair Castle has a fascinating 700 year history just waiting to be discovered...

Famous as the last castle to be held under siege in 1746, Blair Castle is the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl and the home of the Atholl Highlanders, Europe's only remaining private army. Up to 30 rooms are on display, full of treasures and alive with the characters and personalities of their former occupants. Highlights of the visit include; the magnificent ballroom bedecked with 175 pairs of antlers: the superb china room featuring more than 1700 individual pieces and an ornamental armoury housing a targe used at the battle of Culloden. There are also paintings by Sir Edwin Landseer and Johann Zoffany, fine Mortlake tapestries and plasterwork by Thomas Clayton.

Blair Castle is set at the hub of a breathtaking historic landscape most of which was laid out in the 18th century and features a magnificent 9 acre walled garden, a peaceful wooded grove, a ruined kirk, a red deer park and a whimsical gothic folly.

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

Colourful peacocks roam the grounds, Highland cattle graze in fields nearby and native red squirrels can often be spotted amongst the branches. Children will also enjoy the castle's woodland adventure playground.

75th Anniversary

Blair Castle first opened its doors to visitors in 1936. The first day of opening attracted 286 people and in the early days tours to the top of the tower cost a penny! To celebrate 75 years of public opening there will be a number of special events throughout 2011 (see opposite). We have also added two new visitor orientation rooms as you enter the castle. We hope that these improvements will make every visit to Blair Castle in 2011 a special visit.



Fun for all the family

Back in Time

A fun look at the history of the castle aimed at children aged 5 and above. These sessions led by the castle guides will take place at 11.30am and 2pm, every Saturday and daily during the Easter and Summer holidays.

Tractor Rides

Take a vintage tractor and trailer ride around the castle gardens. There will be regular rides over the Easter weekend, May bank holiday weekend, weekends in June as well as daily rides during the Summer holidays.

Cost: £2 per person

Dressing Up Box

Don't forget to raid Blair Castle's dressing up box! The box is located in the castle ballroom and offers a fantastic opportunity for an 'in costume' family photo.

Special Events Calendar 2011

3 April	Mothering Sunday refreshments in the Ballroom
22 – 25 April	Easter Fun Weekend
28 May	Atholl Highlanders Talk & Parade
29 May	Atholl Gathering & Highland Games
1 June	75 Years of Public Opening Anniversary Day
25 June	Charity Day – in aid of Scotland's Garden Scheme and Tay Valley Mountain Rescue
15 & 29 July	Animal Antics – Fur and Feathers with the Atholl Estates Ranger Service
20 & 27 July	Celtic Night
12 August	Animal Antics – Fur and Feathers with the Atholl Estates Ranger Service
18 – 21 August	Blair Castle International Horse Trials & Country Fair
Throughout October	Half-term Fun
13 & 27 October	Tractor Spooktacular
29 October	Glenfiddich Piping Championships
30 October	Glenfiddich Fiddling Championships
31 October	Dougie MacLean in concert