

Curated Experiences at Crathes Castle

Private, meaningful experiences
shaped by history, landscape and
tradition.



HERITAGE EXPERIENCES

Crathes Castle

Private, guided experiences taking place within the Crathes Estate and its immediate historic landscape.

CASTLE & HERITAGE - PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

Castle Tour

An intimate guided exploration of Crathes Castle, revealing its architectural features, collections, and the stories of the families who shaped its history.

Garden Tour

A specialist-led walk through the historic gardens, exploring seasonal planting, design, and the evolution of this celebrated landscape.

Estate History Walk

A gentle walk across the estate grounds, uncovering layers of history, land use, and local heritage woven into the landscape.

After-Hours Ghost Tour

An atmospheric out-of-hours experience exploring folklore, legend, and the long-told stories associated with Crathes Castle.

Behind the Conservation Curtain

A rare opportunity to learn about conservation work at Crathes, offering insight into how historic buildings and collections are carefully preserved.

HERITAGE WALKS & ARCHAEOLOGY

Loch of Leys & Crannog Site Tour

A guided walk to the Loch of Leys with the possibility of accessing the Crannog (weather dependant) - the man made island on which the Burnetts lived when they arrived in Deeside in the the 14th Century.

ESTATE & FARM EXPERIENCE

Highland Cattle Experience

A relaxed introduction to Highland cattle, learning about traditional farming practices and the role livestock plays within the estate landscape.

TRANSPORT & TRANSFERS

Private Airport / Train Station Transfers

Personal collection and return provided by Victor or Jamie Burnett (maximum three guests), offering a welcoming and seamless start to your visit.

All experiences are subject to availability and confirmed by advance booking and payment prior to arrival.

A coordination fee applies to curated programmes. Each experience can be thoughtfully tailored to personal interests, mobility considerations, and the time available.

CURATED LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Contemporary Art, Nature and Heritage

ARTS, CRAFTS & CREATIVE

Silver Jewellery Workshop – Beverly Hutton

A relaxed, hands-on workshop creating a unique piece of silver jewellery, inspired by the surrounding landscape and natural forms.

Watercolour Experience – Mel Shand

A guided watercolour session suitable for all abilities, capturing the colours and atmosphere of the local scenery.

Basket Weaving – Helen Jackson

Learn traditional basket weaving techniques using natural materials, with insight into this historic rural craft.

STORY, MUSIC & TRADITION

Storytelling Session – Pauline Cordiner

An engaging storytelling experience rooted in Deeside folklore, Highland history, and oral tradition.

Piping or Fiddling Session – Banchory Fiddlers

A private musical session showcasing traditional Scottish piping or fiddle music, accompanied by stories behind the tunes.

FOOD, NATURE & OUTDOOR

Curated Picnic Box – Buchanan's Bistro

A thoughtfully prepared picnic featuring local produce, ideal for enjoying in scenic countryside or estate settings.

Carriage Ride through the Crathes Estate

A traditional horse-drawn carriage ride with Beth and her Clydesdale horses, offering a gentle and memorable journey through the Crathes Estate landscape.

HERITAGE & PLACES

Kemnay House Tour

A guided visit to Kemnay House, exploring its architectural character, historic interiors, and connections to the wider Deeside story.

SPORTING & ADVENTURE

Salmon or Trout Fishing – TwinPeakes

A guided fishing experience on local waters, suitable for both beginners and experienced anglers.

Battleground Experience

An immersive outdoor activity offering tactical team challenges in a controlled and exciting environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION/REGISTER INTEREST

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