



Scotland 2018

Bird shooting

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Grouse Shooting

Red grouse are only found in northern England and Scotland and are hunted in 3 main ways and with our partner International Big Game & Bird Hunting Ltd. we offer:

- Walked up with retrievers and shot as they flush
- Walked up and shot over pointer dogs
- Driven by beaters to a line of 8 or 10 guns

The bags on driven days can reach 200 and more brace (a pair of birds) per day in England, but days of more than 100 brace are rare in Scotland. The Scottish bag is more likely to be between 50 and 90 brace per day.

Teams of 8 to 10 guns are usual and such teams are often groups of friends but sometimes I take individuals from many sources to make up a team. This allows people from all corners of the globe to come together and shoot grouse and from such beginnings lifelong friendships are often forged.

Walked up grouse, with or without pointers, allows small teams to shoot grouse with as few as 2 guns shooting over a pointer and as many as 8 walking in line abreast with spaniels and labradors. Bags of 5 brace per day to 30 or 40 brace are possible with 3 or 4 brace per gun per day being typical. Those who wish to walk up grouse must be fit as the hills can be steep and the ground underfoot is uneven and often wet and slippery. However, for those with the right constitution there is nothing more satisfying than a day with the dogs walking up grouse.



Driven Grouse

GBP 3,550 – / hunter

- 60 brace per day to 9 guns
- For 2 days with 3 nights accommodation and meals in a Country House Hotel.
- Lunch provided in a lunch hut on the moor.
- UK Visitors shotgun permit
- Transport on shoot days
- 20 % VAT

Extra grouse incl. VAT

GBP 225 – / brace

Walked up Grouse

GBP 1,600 – / hunter

(Teams of 4 to 8 guns. Expectation 2.5 brace / gun)

- 10 brace per day to 4 guns
- For 2 days with 3 nights accommodation and meals in a Country House Hotel.
- Packed lunch provided each hunting day.
- UK Visitors shotgun permit
- Transport on shoot days
- 20 % VAT

Extra grouse incl. VAT

GBP 158 – / brace

Walked up Grouse over pointer dogs
(Max. 4 hunters per pointer team. Can be fewer than hunters with minimum 10 brace/day)

GBP 2,565 – / hunter

- 10 brace per day to 4 guns
- For 2 days with 3 nights accommodation and meals in a Country House Hotel.
- Packed lunch provided each hunting day.
- Pointer dogs and handlers
- UK Visitors shotgun permit
- Transport on shoot days
- 20 % VAT

Extra grouse incl. VAT

GBP 158 – / brace



Rough Shooting:

The main season is from 1st October to 31st January when all the game birds and ground game are in season. Out with this period there is always the possibility to shoot something, but with a limited variety of species.

Rough shooting and mixed shooting are often used to mean the same thing. Walking up in line abreast with spaniels and retrievers and shooting the game as it is flushed. A day may be aimed at a single species, for example woodcock, grouse or white hares or a whole range of species may be included such as pheasant, partridge, snipe, woodcock, rabbit and brown hare, or it may be a specialized day aimed at woodpigeons, wildfowl or ferreted rabbits. Stalking for hinds and does may also be included as part of a mixed hunting package.

The number of days of hunting is the hunters choice and the mix of days can be anything, for example 3 days shooting:

- 1 day rabbits
- 1 day white hares and a brace of grouse/hunter
- 1 day mixed birds (could include pheasant, partridge, woodcock, snipe, duck, pigeon) and some brown hares and rabbits

There can be quite a variety of combinations all at the same total price.

The average expectation when shooting small game is 10 head per gun per day, but this is often exceeded on rabbit and hare days at no extra charge. On stalking days the expectation is one or two deer per hunter.

The accommodation can be provided in a whole range of places from a pub with 2 beds per room and a private shower/toilet in each bedroom or if the group is 6 or more, in a fully catered house or cottage exclusive to the group, or even in a fairytale castle.

There is a cooked Scottish breakfast each day, a picnic lunch of sandwiches, fruit and hot drinks and a three course evening meal. Alcoholic drinks, cartridges and tips are not included in the basic price.

Not all members of a group need do the same sort of hunting each day, but it has to be booked in advance of course so that the planning can be done and the estates booked, but it is very flexible.



3 days shooting Minimum team of 4 hunters, no maximum.

GBP 1,700 – / hunter

- 1 day rabbits
- 1 day white hares and a brace of grouse/hunter
- 1 day mixed birds (could include pheasant, partridge, woodcock, snipe, duck, pigeon) and some brown hares and rabbits
- For 3 days with 4 nights dinner, bed, breakfast and packed lunch
- UK Visitors shotgun permit
- Transport on shoot days
- 20 % VAT

If rabbits are replaced by a mixed day (hares and 2 mixed)

GBP 1,800 – / hunter

If white hares are replaced by a mixed day (rabbits and 2 mixed)

GBP 1,635 – / hunter

If all 3 days are mixed the price is

GBP 1,890 – / hunter

Daily expectation averages 6 to 10 head per hunter and there are no extra head age charges. Shots to kills vary from 3 to 8 shots per kill.



Season	Main season: 1 st October to 31 st January
Climate	Oceanic mild climate with low temperature differences, but frequent rainfall, particularly in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Increasingly cold winters with snow.
Shooting Equipment:	You are permitted to bring into the country semi-automatic or double-barreled shotguns. The most effective caliber for bird shooting in Scotland is 20 or 12 gauges. For semi-automatic shotguns the maximum is three cartridges. Our partner has 20's or 12's available.
Clothing:	In spite of the relatively mild climate, you should bring warm clothing and most importantly, quality rainwear and a windcheater.
Documents:	We recommend bringing your own weapon. For issue the hunting license, we require 6-8 weeks prior to departure, a good readable color copy of the hunting license, passport, EU firearms pass (all pages including blanks) and type, make and serial number of your gun/s.
Flights	You can fly to Inverness or Aberdeen and from there you continue your journey by rental car or you travel with your own car by ferry either from Zeebrügge to Rosyth (Edinburgh) or from Rotterdam to Newcastle.

Costs included	Accommodation and meals
	Transport on shoot days
	UK Visitors shotgun permit
	20 % VAT

Additional costs	Flights (we are happy to organize your flights to Scotland)	On request
	Travel insurance	On request
	Transfer from/to airport to hunting ground	On request
	Car rental per day	On request
	Spirits, beverages, tips	On request
	Rent a gun / per gun / per day	GBP 40 –
	Ammunition only in caliber 20 and 12 available	Market price
	Organization fee per hunter	GBP 20 –



Please note the entry requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible consulate. In case a visa is needed, please be advised, that the acquisition is your own responsibility.

Please note the vaccination requirements for the respective country. Information can be obtained at the responsible tropical institute. In case a vaccination is needed, please be advised, that the adherence is your own responsibility.

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