

SCOTLAND BIRD SHOOTING 2024



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Scotland is unique! This holds true for its people, its landscape and even more for its hunting in the “Highlands”, the Scottish upland.

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GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION



CURRENCY

1 Pound (£) = 100 Pence



TIME DIFFERENCE

CET -1 h

CEST -1 h



ELECTRICITY

230 volt, plug with three contact pins (adapter required)



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

Taking dogs with you is not recommended, 6 months of quarantine.



CLIMATE

Mild, oceanic climate with minor variations in temperature but frequent rainfall, especially in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. Often cold winters with snow.



HEALTH

European standard of health care.

Vaccination

Please note the vaccination requirements for each country. This information is provided by the relevant institute of tropical medicine. If vaccinations are required, please note that you are personally responsible for complying with the rules.

Caution

Taking a first-aid kit containing your regular medication is recommended.

It is advised to carry a medical certificate to avoid problems.



INSURANCE

Taking out travel insurance in case you fall ill or require ambulance services is strongly advised.



THE DESTINATION

The panorama is overwhelming, the scenery breathtaking. Deep valleys, gentle and steep hillsides, high mountains, mumbling streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes.

Solitude and wilderness like it is hardly found elsewhere in Europe.

The Scottish Highlands are a world famous destination for deer stalking and bird shooting sports. Volcanic activity and glacial erosion have created stunning landscapes throughout the area.

Parts of this peaceful place are the least populated in the whole of Europe and the scenery is breathtaking. A real unspoiled wilderness. Sometimes it is so quiet you can hear the silence!

Deer stalking in Scotland is an unforgettable experience. The views are stunning. Terrain is mixed with both low and high ground giving access to hunters of all abilities, but an amount of fitness is required. Stalking is available for single hunters and groups.

Observers can accompany the hunt and remain with the Ghillies out of sight until success has been achieved. The harvested deer are mostly retrieved by an 8 wheel Argo vehicle.

There is a wealth of activities for non-hunters such as river or loch fishing, historic castle tours, whisky distillery visits, boat trips and much more.

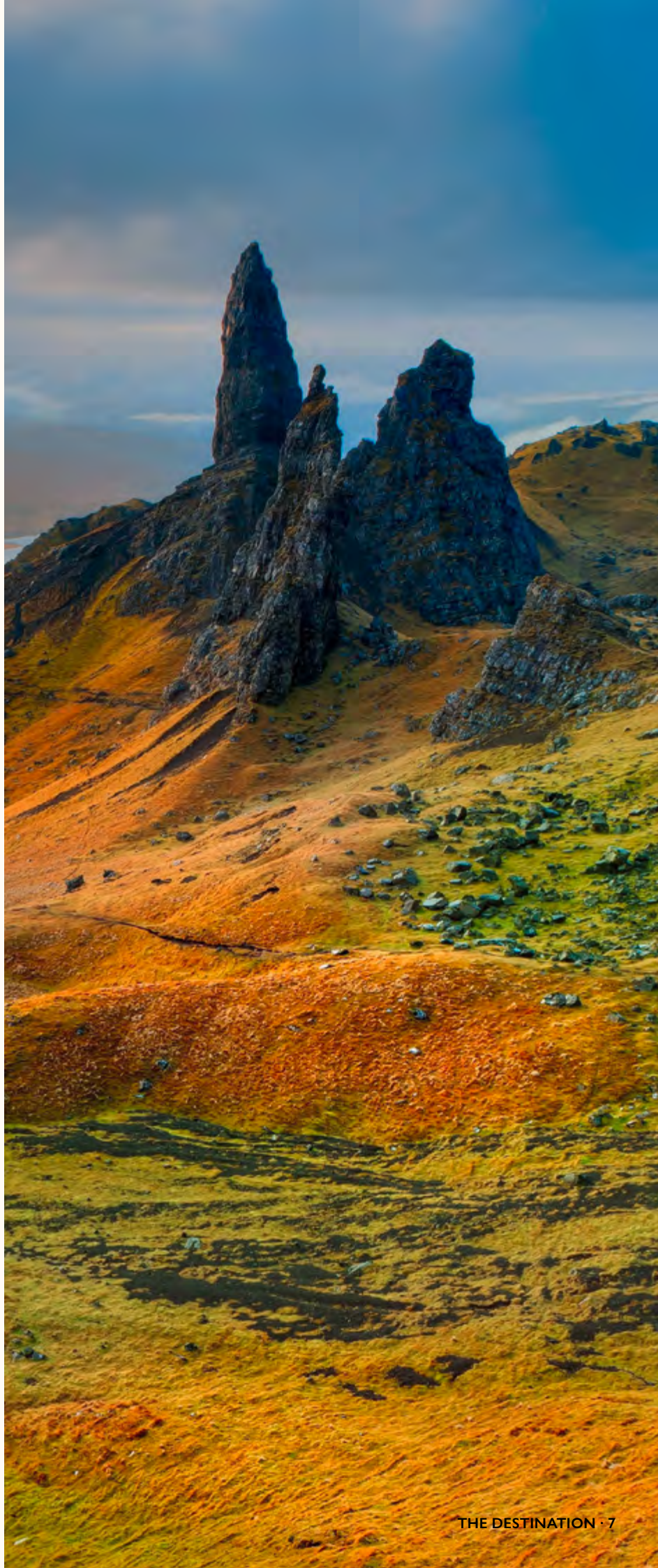


SEASON

Grouse from 12th August,
Ducks & geese from 1st Sept.,
pheasant 1st October

FLIGHTS

You can fly to Inverness or Edinburgh, from Edinburgh you continue your journey by rental car . If you travel with your own car by ferry either from Amsterdam to Newcastle or Rotterdam to Hull.



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 or 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.

HUNTING COSTS

Driven grouse	Price (GBP)
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	5.200,- / hunter
Extra grouse incl. VAT	285 – / brace
Walked up grouse (Teams of 4 to 8 guns, expectation 2.5 brace / gun)	Price (GBP)
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	2,500,- / hunter
Extra grouse incl. VAT	185,- / brace
Walked up Grouse over pointer dogs (max. 4 hunters per pointer team, mostly with minimum 10 brace / day)	Price (GBP)
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	3,500,- / hunter
Extra grouse incl. VAT	185,- / brace

ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Price (GBP)
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	50,-
Ammunition only in caliber 20 and 12 available	Market price
Organization fee per hunter	20,-

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 some-thing, 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 wood-pigeons, 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:
mixed rough shooting (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.

HUNTING COSTS – 3 DAYS

3 Hunting days (min. a team of 4 hunters, no maximum)	Price (GBP)
mixed rough shooting (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	3,400,- / hunter

ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Price (GBP)
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	50,-
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RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Hunting 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.

We recommend bringing your own weapon.

Clothing

In spite of the relatively mild climate, you should bring warm clothing and most importantly, quality rain-wear and a windcheater.

Documents

For issue the hunting license, we require 6–8 weeks prior to departure, a good readable color copy of the hunting license, pass-port, EU firearms pass (all pages including blanks) and type, make and serial number of your gun/s.

NOTES



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