



SPECIAL EVENTS 2008

Saturday 29th March.

Estate opens for the 2008 season. There will be a falconry display by the North East Falconry Centre. The birds will be on show throughout the day with flying displays in front of the Castle at 11.30am and 2.30pm. The birds of prey can also be seen on Saturday 3rd May, Saturday 21st June and Saturday 5th July

Saturday 26th April.

Run-Balmoral. Enter on line now for the 10K,5K or junior races at www.run-balmoral.com.

Open Air Theatre Festival.

Join us for a weekend of fun in the grounds of Balmoral with the Castle as the backdrop. Sit back and relax while the Chapterhouse Theatre Company entertain you.

Saturday 12th July

Shakespeare 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Sunday 13th July

'Alice in Wonderland'

Tickets available online at www.balmoralcastle.com or by telephoning 013397 42534.

Every Wednesday at 2pm,

Meet under the clock in the stable yard for a guided tour by the Balmoral ranger service. The tour takes in some of the monuments, cairns and views of the Castle while the rangers will interpret the fantastic scenery and wildlife on the Estate. Cost: Free once normal admission paid.

First Monday of every month from April to July.

Join the Rangers for exciting nature activities, pond dipping, games etc. Children under 16 yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free once normal admission paid.



LOCATION

Off the A93 between Braemar and Ballater
Aberdeen: 50 miles Perth: 60 miles
Edinburgh: 104 miles Inverness: 72 miles

2008 OPENING TIMES

In 2008 the grounds, gardens and exhibitions will be open on a daily basis from Saturday 29th March until Thursday 31st July.

Opening times are from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m., however please note that the last recommended admission is at 4.30 p.m.
The audio tour is not available after 4.15pm.

Admission Charges

Adult Admission£7.00
Senior Admission£6.00
Children (5yrs to 16yrs)£3.00
Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) . . .£15.00
Coaches and Groups welcome, discounts available for organised groups of 10 or more, tel 013397 42534 for details.



Balmoral Castle is the Scottish home to the British Royal Family



Le Château de Balmoral est la résidence de la famille royale britannique en Ecosse



Schloss Balmoral ist de schottische Landsitz der britischen Königsfamilie



Il castello di Balmoral è la residenza scozzese della famiglia reale Britannica

BALMORAL

Highland retreat of The Royal Family since 1852

2008



WELCOME TO BALMORAL

Nestled within the stunning highland scenery of Royal Deeside on the banks of the River Dee is Balmoral Castle, the Scottish home of the Royal Family for 150 years.

- **Let the Audio Tour guide you around the grounds, gardens and exhibitions** (£5 fully refundable deposit required).
- The Castle Ballroom is filled with treasures from within the Castle.
- **See Ballgowns worn by HM the Queen and the late Queen Mother.**
- New for 2008 'Highland Games'. This exhibition will give you a taste of the atmosphere, history and heritage of Scotland's traditional 'Highland Games'.
- **Audio Visual display.**
- Wildlife Exhibition.
- **Waymarked Trails.**
- Local Art Exhibition (pictures for sale).
- **NEW For 2008 Extra availability on our luxury Land Rover Wildlife Safaris - booking essential.**
- **NEW FOR 2008 Childrens Squirrel Quiz - Free quiz, pencil and sticker with every child admission.**



Your Visit

Once you have purchased your ticket from the Gate Shop you pass through the elegant main gates, either on foot or on the tractor trailer ride, and travel up the tree lined main drive which takes you to the Balmoral Exhibition, where the audio tour starts.

The Audio Tour

The audio tour is included in admission and guides people around the outside and inside areas. Languages available: French, German, Italian and English.

Once you have browsed the exhibition you can walk across the courtyard to view the short audio visual presentation about the Estate, view the wildlife and the art exhibition before moving on to the gardens.

The Gardens

In the gardens you can wander through the large kitchen garden, visit the conservatory and enjoy the views from the fountain area before viewing Garden Cottage, which lies in a secluded spot in the grounds only a short distance from the Castle and the impressive rose garden.



The Ballroom

The Ballroom houses a collection of fine art, silver figurines and porcelain from within the Castle. There is a short film of the Royal Family at Balmoral, together with a display of Ballgowns belonging to HM the Queen and the late Queen Mother.

The Gift Shop

In the gift shop you can purchase some of the exclusive Balmoral gifts before relaxing in the spacious Coffee Shop. Afterwards you can then either walk back down the main drive to the main gates, wander along the riverside path or enjoy one of the many waymarked trails on the estate.



Facilities for Disabled Visitors

Visitors with disabilities are welcome to park at the estate office, please enquire at the ticket hut on entering. Wheelchair access is good throughout the property and wheelchairs or Battricars are available on loan free of charge. Audio loops are available for the audio tour handsets and two fully accessible toilets are available.

Please note that whilst there is lots to see and do at Balmoral; the Ballroom is the only room in the castle open to the public.