



ANCESTRY • HISTORY • HERITAGE • TRAVEL

Scotland

The world's leading Scottish-interest magazine

Your kingdom awaits

From palaces you can rent to ancestral clan castles

WIN
a luxury escape
to the
Highlands

**SCOTTISH
ICONS**
How the
Stone of Destiny
and The Black Rood
defined a nation

Whisky galore

The best distilleries,
drams and tours



Rob Roy
The enduring
appeal of Scotland's
Robin Hood

MADE IN SCOTLAND | Whisky Special



The Machrie

Located on the Isle of Islay - home to no fewer than nine whisky distilleries - as expected, this spectacular golf hotel also does a superb line in whiskies. Set amid the sand dunes on a seven-mile sandy beach, The Machrie's Championship links are now rated among the top 100 courses in the world, so it's the perfect place to combine a golfing holiday with some whisky tasting. Islay whiskies are known for their smokiness, with the island's distilleries use peat cut from the local moss lands, and whether you want to try some of the island's malts fireside in one of the hotel's cosy lounges, or visit some of the distilleries themselves (the hotel can organise exclusive tours), you're well placed.

The Machrie's Stay & Play package (from £285pp for one night, or £450pp for two nights) offers great rates for visitors (both novice and experienced golfers) to combine a couple of rounds on the links course with luxury accommodation in either a two-bedroom lodge on the edge of the links, or in a modern Cosy, Comfy or Comfy Luxe room, with views over the beautiful local landscape or the links course itself with the sea beyond. Guests on this package will also get a full Scottish breakfast each morning and unlimited play on both the 6-hole par 3 Wee Course and the Hebrides putting course, though alas, the whisky is extra. themachrie.com

Glenfiddich

The world's most awarded single malt Scotch whisky, and one of the very few single malt distilleries to remain entirely family owned, Glenfiddich's reputation for excellence is world renowned. Fulfilling a lifelong ambition to make the 'best dram in the valley', William Grant from Dufftown built his distillery by hand, stone by stone.

After a year of building, the first drop of spirit fell from the Glenfiddich copper stills on Christmas Day 1887. Glenfiddich is also the first whisky to have been promoted worldwide to consumers as a single malt Scotch; a well-kept Scottish secret had finally been revealed to the world. A visit to the historic distillery is a must for any dedicated whisky drinker. Explore the generations of gently maturing casks, learn how its distinct depth of flavour is created, and, of course, enjoy a tasting of several single malts to round your visit off. glenfiddich.com



Simply Speyside Whisky Tours

In addition to glistening lochs, sweeping mountain ranges and deep valleys, Speyside is also home to the world-renowned Speyside single malt whiskies and, with more than 50 distilleries to choose from, has the highest concentration of malt whisky producers in Scotland. Simply Speyside Whisky Tours will take you on a guided tour of the region's best distilleries, where you'll visit the homes of famous brands such as Glenfiddich and The Balvenie. Choose the best tour to suit you, whether it's seeing the biggest names, comparing whiskies and distilleries, or learning about the whisky-making process itself. Your expert guide will share their passion for whisky and the region, and you are guaranteed to experience some of the best whisky that Speyside has to offer. simplyspeyside.co.uk

© JAMES McDONALD/JOHN TAYLOR PHOTOGRAPHY