

Inveraray Castle



Inveraray Castle Argyll's "Jewel in the Crown" provides visitors with a fascinating historical insight into one of Scotland's most famous ancestral homes and gives them a glimpse of Scottish heritage and the way our ancestors lived.

Inveraray Castle is a remarkable and unique piece of architecture incorporating Baroque, Palladian and Gothic styles. The castle is home to the Duke and Duchess of Argyll and spans many generations of the Campbell family. While the castle is, first and foremost, a family home, The Duke and Duchess are only too happy to welcome visitors to their majestic estate.

Indeed, although the castle is a very busy tourist attraction it has become even more than that. It has also become a popular venue for a whole host of events; weddings, corporate events and the ever popular "Best of the West" Festival now a firm fixture in the annual events every September.

This iconic castle has been central to many dramas – both historical and fictional – and most recently when the Grantham family of Downton Abbey fame visited their "Highland relatives" with the castle and grounds providing a spectacular backdrop and setting.

The formal garden has been recently opened to everyone and they reflect the temperate climate we enjoy thanks to the Gulf Stream. In spring they are alive with a carpet of bluebells and daffodils, in May and June, the rhododendrons and azaleas provide a riot of colour and are the envy of many a gardener and during late summer and autumn the gardens mellow and are a tapestry of rich autumn colours. Whatever the time of year there is much to enjoy.

No visit to Inveraray Castle would be complete without a visit to the Castle gift shop and coffee shop. In the castle shop each item is chosen by the Duchess and her team. There is a wide range of Scottish gifts, soaps, clothing, jewellery, books, food and toys. We place special emphasis on the Clan Campbell and have a number of books and memorabilia relating to the Clan as well as general interest publications, maps, DVDs and guides on Scottish history, the town of Inveraray and the Castle. You'll pick up the perfect present or souvenir of your visit.

Run personally by the Duchess the Castle Tearoom boasts fabulous food, sourced from local suppliers, using Scottish ingredients with soups, quiches and scones made daily in the Castle. There are Scottish cheddars, cream teas and local baking to tempt you and don't forget the Duke's favourite hot chocolate!

A wide range of activities is also available on the Inveraray Estate and in the surrounding area.

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