



GLOBETROTTING THROUGH SCOTLAND THE SCOTTISH JEWEL



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Scotland... a place with a rich, multilayered history, and many treasures crammed into its compact territory. Big skies, eye-wateringly beautiful scenery, beautiful wildlife, hospitable, down-to-earth people, and ancient architecture, all of which is on full display on this exclusive riding holiday. Hold onto your kilts, globetrotters, and prepare to be swept away in the grandeur and excitement of a week in the renowned coast and country of Moray! From chef-prepared dinners, lawn picnics, billiards, ceilidh music and the beautiful arboretum at grand-yet-comfy Burgie House, to rollicking rides across beaches, dunes, woods, castle grounds and stonewalled fields, this holiday will reveal the many faces of Scotland in the most delightful ways. Oh, and did we mention generations of Eventing superstars thundered across the sprawling acres of Burgie Estate at the Burgie Horse Trials for 45 years?! The equestrian history here is tangible – your hosts will regale you with riveting stories of the glory days, and your hoofbeats will trace the paths of legends. All those in favour, say ‘Och aye!’

HIGHLIGHTS

CALLING A STATELY COUNTRY HOUSE YOUR HOME FOR A WEEK **THE LONG, GOLDEN DAYS AND DUSKY NIGHTS OF THE SCOTTISH SUMMER** SOAKING UP THE TIMELESS TRANQUILITY AND VIBRANT COLOURS OF THE BURGIE ARBORETUM **CANTERING WILD AND FREE ON ONE OF EUROPE’S MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES** DANCING UP A STORM AT YOUR OWN PRIVATE CEILIDH, LED BY A RENOWNED LOCAL BAND **SAMPLING SOME TRULY EXQUISITE SCOTCH - MORAY IS THE WHISKY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!**



TRAVEL TIPS FOR SCOTLAND

Thank you, globetrotter, for booking The Scottish Jewel! Here are a few wee tips to help you have the time of your life in Scotland.

RIDING ABILITY

Suitable for all riding abilities. You **MUST** be confident riding in an English all-purpose saddle. *Beginner riders must be confident rising/posting to the trot and able to enjoy a steady canter.

TACK

English all-purpose saddles and bridles.

BREED OF HORSES

A mixture of Irish Draft Horses, Irish Cobs, Irish Sport Horses and Connemaras.

GROUP SIZE

A maximum of 10 riding guests. Non-riders are also welcome and can join the off-horse activities.

TIME IN THE SADDLE

On average, 2 to 6 hours per day.

WEIGHT LIMIT

A maximum of 95kg / 209lbs.

LANDSCAPE

This ride takes place in the region of Moray, sandwiched between the northern folds of the Scottish Highlands and the North Sea. The Moray Coastline is rightly famous and features heavily in this itinerary: seen from a distance as you ride across Burgie Estate and various local trails, and up close as you canter along the beach, stroll through the seaside town of Findhorn, and spot marine life on a boat tour. Pine plantations have been used for hundreds of years to protect the Moray coast from erosion and prevent the spread of dunes inland, creating endless springy, sheltered forest trails. Weaving between woods and water are quaint villages, rolling farmland, crumbling ruins and elegant castles and manors.

GETTING UNDER THE SKIN

READ *The Hidden Ways: Scotland's Forgotten Roads* by Alistair Moffatt, *Moray Coast from Cullen to Culbin* by Jenny Main, or *Song of the Rolling Earth* by John Lister-Kaye.

WATCH *Outlander*, the crazy-popular historical TV series based on the books of the same name, *Braveheart*, the classic Mel Gibson film about Scottish rebel William Wallace, or an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

LISTEN to The Proclaimers, The Waterboys, Donovan, Belle & Sebastian and many more.

EAT Haggis, neeps and tatties - the ultimate Scottish comfort food! For something sweet, nibble on some shortbread or a 'tablet' - the Scots' answer to fudge.

DRINK Single-malt Scotch whisky! You can't visit Scotland without having a wee dram!

TRAVEL TIPS (CONTINUED)

**ACCOMMODATION**

You will be staying at the magnificent Burgie House, set amongst 1,000 acres of glorious countryside on a working farm. Home to the Lochore family, Burgie House has seen some wonderful parties and events over the years, including its International Horse Trials, which ran for 45 years. There are several inviting breakout spaces and lounge rooms and a well-stocked library, offering ample space for socialising, games, contemplation and rest. There is also an elegant dining room in which to sample the delights of the well-equipped kitchen. Being a house of a certain age, all the guestrooms are different sizes, and while all rooms have their own bathroom, not all are en-suite. Comfortably furnished and adorned with antiques, the rooms look out across the expansive estate. They will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Outside, the grounds are simply incredible, with woodlands, lawns, small lochs, views of the coast, and a nationally important arboretum.

MEALS & DRINKS

Scottish food is wholesome and hearty, just what you need when you're spending your days traversing the countryside. Almost all meals will be prepared by your private chef, using proudly local and seasonal ingredients with flair and imagination. There will be a balance between rich and light meals, food to sleep well on, and food to fuel your adventures in the saddle. Most days, you'll be cooked a full Scottish breakfast, then enjoy a picnic lunch out and about, and sit down for a filling, flavoursome dinner in the evening. Tea, coffee and snacks are freely available at all times. Wine and a few aperitifs will be stocked at Burgie House, and wine will be served with dinner,



but if you'd like to drink more, or have specific drink preferences, you will need to bring your own. On the way to Burgie House on day 1, your transfer driver can stop at a liquor store if needed.

CLOTHING

Your safety and comfort is of vital importance, so please pack strategically. We recommend bringing plenty of warm layers that you can add and remove on the go. Natural fabrics like wool are great because they're breathable and easy to layer. Wet weather gear is also absolutely essential, even in summer. You'll be able to store your outerwear, along with your riding gear, in the boot room/drying room at Burgie House.

Because you are staying at a private house, not a hotel, there is no laundry service. However, washing machines and a dryer are available, along with detergents, and you can use these as needed. Clean linens can be provided on request.

PACKING LIST

PLEASE NOTE: Saddle bags are not provided, nor can you bring your own, as the horses aren't used to them. Cold water will be available at each stop, but if you're concerned about hydration, we recommend purchasing a fanny pack/bum bag that fits a small water bottle.

WHAT IS PROVIDED:

- All linen & towels

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Helmet (compulsory)
- Suitable riding boots
- Half chaps (optional)
- Riding gloves (optional)
- Wet weather gear (jacket & overpants)
- Jumper / sweater
- 2-3 pairs of comfortable riding pants
- Long & short sleeved shirts (long sleeves are highly recommended due to the occasional tick)
- Comfortable clothing & shoes for off the horse
- Personal toiletries & medications
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Camera & charger
- Hip flask (optional)

HELMETS

Helmets are compulsory on this riding holiday and you'll need to bring your own, as there aren't any available to borrow from your hosts. Please don't forget this when packing your bag!

SEASONS, CLIMATE & WEATHER

Scotland experiences very changeable weather, especially in the Highlands. This ride takes place in the summer months (June to August), when average daytime temperatures are around 15°C to

TRAVEL TIPS (CONTINUED)

20°C (59°F to 68°F). Expect long daylight hours, cold nights, cool to mild days, occasional warm spells, and frequent rain.

REGION

MORAY

Moray lies on the northern edge of Scotland's Highland region. The Moray Firth defines its coastline – a sweep of quiet bays, dunes and headlands alive with dolphins, seals, minke whales, seabirds, basking sharks, and even the occasional orca. The stunning Culbin Woods meet the sea at Findhorn Bay where, for centuries, they have protected the land from the relentless forces of sand and sea. Inland, you'll find the world's most celebrated whisky country, where names like Glenfiddich, Macallan and Glen Moray embody centuries of craftsmanship.

Once a powerful province ruled by its own kings, Moray played a defining role in early Scottish history. It was the birthplace of Macbeth, and centuries later became a centre of faith and learning. At 800-year-old Pluscarden Abbey, Benedictine monks still live and work today. Grand estates and castles – Brodie, Duffus, and Ballindalloch among them – tell stories of clans, trade, and Moray's enduring prosperity. In riding through Moray, you pass through not just spectacular landscapes, but also history – embedded in every wall, every hill, every dune.

HISTORY OF BURGIE HOUSE & ESTATE

Burgie House is the crown atop Burgie Estate, built in 1802 using the stones from the castle that was, until then, the seat of the Dunbars of Grange. The estate itself was once part of a much larger holding under the Dunbar family, who lived here from the 17th century until the early 20th century, when the Estate was bought by the Thomson / Lochore family. The now-nationally-important arboretum was first planted in the 1970s, but in more recent decades, Hamish Lochore has breathed new life into it, cultivating a peaceful sanctuary with 12 zones showcasing trees and

other flora from around the world.

But for us globetrotters, the most enticing aspect of Burgie is its equestrian pedigree. Until 2022, these woods and fields played host to Burgie Horse Trials, an international Eventing fixture that ran for more than 45 years. Eventing legends have climbed these stairs, sat in these cosy nooks, and thundered across these hallowed grounds. The love of horses (and their people!) has imbued this noble house with a well-loved familiarity that will make every rider feel welcome.

CURRENCY

The British Pound is the currency in Scotland. You can purchase pounds in your home country before you leave or make a withdrawal from an ATM on arrival. ATMs are available throughout Scotland and Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Diners Club are all widely accepted, although we recommend bringing a secondary card if your primary card is one of the latter two.

TIPPING AND GRATUITIES

Tipping is not expected in Scotland. However, if you would like to leave a tip, the gesture will be much appreciated.

HEALTH

Routine vaccinations such as tetanus are recommended, for Scotland, but not required. All guides are trained in first aid. However, we always recommend travelling with a small medical kit that includes any basic remedies you may need, such as antacids, painkillers, anti-histamines, cold remedies, anti-diarrheal medication, oral rehydration sachets such as Electrolytes, and first aid items such as Band-Aids, antiseptic and dressings. Take along scissors, tweezers, a thermometer, lip balm, sunscreen, and your preferred toiletries and cosmetics. If you wear glasses or contact lenses, bring spares. Click [here](#) for more information on what to do before you go. And click [here](#) for a more detailed health guide for while you are on your ride.

INTERNET/PHONE SERVICES

Internet and cellular phone service are readily

available at Burgie House, so you will be able to easily connect and share all your amazing photos and stories with friends back home.

CHARGING CAPABILITIES

Charging facilities are available at Burgie House. Don't forget your travel adaptor plug!

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

As part of the United Kingdom, Scotland allows visitors from Australia, New Zealand and the US to enter the country as a tourist for up to 90 days without a visa. However, if you're exempt from a visa, you WILL need an ETA (electronic travel authorisation), which you can apply for [online](#). All travellers' passports must have at least six months' validity from the date they plan to return home. It is common for customs officials to ask for proof of your planned departure and of sufficient funds for your stay in the UK.

Visa and other entry and exit conditions can change at short notice so please consult your nearest Embassy or Consulate of Scotland for up-to-date information.

INSURANCE

As you may or may not know, travel insurance is compulsory on all Globetrotting rides and is a condition of booking with Globetrotting. We recommend travel insurance regardless if you're travelling within your home country or abroad. Click [here](#) to read more about travel insurance for horse riding holidays.

TRANSFERS TO AND FROM THE RIDE

All transfers required throughout the riding itinerary are included in the ride price, including a pick up/drop off transfer service at Inverness Airport on the first and last days of the ride. On day 1, you will be collected from Inverness Airport at 2:30pm. Please ensure your flight arrives before 2pm.

On the final day of the itinerary, the transfer will return you to Inverness Airport at around 11am. Please ensure your flight departs no earlier than 1pm.

If travelling with a non-rider, you may wish to

hire a car and self-drive, so that the non-rider has the freedom to explore local towns and historical attractions while you are in the saddle. If self-driving, you will need to arrive at Burgie House by 3:30pm on day 1.

YOUR HOSTS

At the helm of your riding holiday is Sarah Cockle, equestrian adventurer extraordinaire. Having ridden literally all over the world, Sarah has an incredibly deep and comprehensive understanding of what makes an exceptional Globetrotting experience. Not to mention, she has hundreds of equestrian adventure stories to share! Pick a country, any country, and she will gladly tell all. An avid photographer, Sarah will also be happy to help capture your magic moments on request. You can contact Sarah on +44 7799 413 094. At Burgie House, the magician behind your delightful stay is Mhairi Henderson. Mhairi manages the House as well as the farm, and can be reached on +44 7779 704 268 or via email: mhairi@burgie.co.uk

FINAL NOTES

Globetrotting is happy to help organise flights, travel insurance, visas, hotels and any extensions for your Scottish holiday.

One final parting comment:

Here at Globetrotting, we have carefully planned each and every itinerary and road tested them first hand. Yet with all of our attention to detail, you should expect the unexpected when you travel. Spontaneity is the best form of adventure – am I right? For example, behind every journey there are literally hundreds of people, each of whom has a responsibility to do and say what is right. Should one or two let you down, and such things happen, we hope you will have the flexibility to accept the reality of the situation rather than let an isolated incident upset your riding holiday of a lifetime. So much of the fun of travel is to experience the unexpected. We hope you share this philosophy. ALL of us at Globetrotting wish you the most amazing, thrilling, enriching riding holiday that you could ever ask for. 