

## Scottish Highland Tour Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September



We will be staying in the beautiful Highlands of Scotland based near Aviemore in the Cairngorms. There will be a welcome dinner and fizz on the first night, a good chance to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

The first day's driving will take us through Grantown on Spey and over The Glen Roy & Monadhliath Mountains past Lochindorb and its ruined island castle, dropping down to the infamous Cawdor Castle of Shakespeare's unmentionable play for coffee and our first visit. We will then move further north to Fort George on the Moray Firth built after 'The 45' to subdue the Highland Clans by 'Bludy Cumberland' (it did not work I am living proof), it never fired a gun in anger and is still used by the British Army. (Shutting the stable door comes to mind)



From there we will drive on some interesting roads back to our hotel.

On the second day after driving mountain and forest roads, our first stop will be in Tomintoul the highest village in the highlands and the home of the biggest Whisky bottle in the world and probably the most knowledgeable man on Whisky (that is what he told me anyway).



We will have Coffee and bacon butties at the Famous Castle Whisky Shop and Café.



The Castle Whisky Shop

From Tomintoul we will pass over the Lecht, arguably on one of the best driving roads in the UK with amazing views for the co-pilot.



Watchers of the Lecht

As we descend from the heights of the Lecht to the Don Glen we will turn north to Dufftown the Malt Whisky Centre and visit the Glenfiddich Distillery still a family run business, also makers of Hendricks Gin.



From there we will turn west along the Spey Glen until we reach what is reputedly one of the top five finest houses in the UK if not Europe (depends who you ask)

Ballindalloch Castle for a visit a drink and hopefully a picture of the cars in front of the castle.

From there we will follow the graceful river Spey back to our hotel for Fizz and a final dinner and prize giving.

Do please join us, Jo and I would really love to show you the delights of the Highlands.

PS as of compiling this, fuel is around 10 pence/litre cheaper in rural Scotland, what is not to like.



