



Craufurdland Castle Estate:

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Our Story:

Craufurdland Castle Estate provides an immersive visitor experience deeply rooted in the illustrious 700 year history of the Craufurd family with royal connections now and throughout history.

The 29th Laird, Simon Houison Craufurd, 'Royal Handwasher' and a member of the distinguished 'Royal Company of Archers', the King's bodyguard in Scotland, personally leads all our tour products.

Simon is hugely passionate about his family, their history and heritage on the estate. He is delighted to greet tours of heritage enthusiasts and recount some of the unique and amazing stories of his ancestors. Simon lives and breathes Craufurd history.

The Craufurds of Craufurdland hold a unique place in Scottish history, akin to an inseparable thread woven through the fabric of Scotland's illustrious past. With ancestral ties to luminaries like Mary Queen of Scots, James V, Charles I, Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, and Sir William Wallace, the stories at Craufurdland are unparalleled, captivating, and a testament to the wonders of Scotland's heritage.

- Situated only 1 mile off the M77, access to Craufurdland Castle is simple, with facilities and parking suitable for cars, mini-bus.
- Only 14 miles from Prestwick Airport (20 min), 25 miles from Glasgow Airport (35min), & 59 miles from Edinburgh Airport (1 hour 15 min).
- Perfectly situated as a break stop going to or from Ayrshire golf and other attractions to Glasgow, or Edinburgh.

Afternoon Tea with the 29th Laird

'Royal Handwasher' and a member of the distinguished 'Royal Company of Archers', the King's bodyguard in Scotland.

Simon Houison Craufurd, the esteemed Laird of Craufurdland Castle, extends a warm welcome to your clients, inviting them into the ancient castle where he resides with his family. He will lead them on an outdoor tour of the castle's 700-year history, sharing anecdotes and fascinating historical insights and royal connections.

Inside, your clients will explore the Gothic hall, The Blue Dining Room, and King Charles' bedroom, each with captivating stories of Simon's ancestry and connections to royalty and Scottish historical figures, including William Wallace. The journey culminates in the Library, home to the family's collection of over 3,000 books spanning 5 centuries, while Simon regales your clients with family tales, during a delightful afternoon tea. Stories include that of Jock Houison saving King James on Crammond Brig, which led to the family becoming the 'Royal Handwasher'. This exceptional experience offers unparalleled authenticity and genuine historical intrigue.



Welcome

Groups: *Min 2/ Max 12*

Opening/Closing:

Afternoon Arrive: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Seasons:

All year round



The Blue Dining Room



King Charles Room



Craufurdland Library

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TRADE RATES:

*Trade exclusive offer- Minimum cost *£625 for up to 5 people, *£125 per person over 5, max 10 people.*

What is included: Experience with the Laird, 'Royal Handwasher' and a member of the distinguished 'Royal Company of Archers', the King's bodyguard in Scotland at Craufurdland Castle, Exterior tour, plus tour of Hall, Dining Room, King Charles Room, and Library. Afternoon Tea with selection of cakes and sandwiches.

What is not included: No access to Towerhouse at Craufurdland Castle, or private rooms of the Laird's Family.

** The cost of this experience will vary depending on the menu choices made by clients for food. Menu choices available for £125 or £150 per person. Details available on application. Minimum charge is equivalent to menu choice for 5 people.*

Add-on option

Archery on The Castle Lawn - 1 hour session £70 per head, min 4 people and maximum 10 people.

Champagne - £15 per glass per person

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Trade exclusive offer- only bookable by email to Craufurdland Estate office office@craufurdland.co.uk or Simon direct.

Booking must be made a minimum of 21 days in advance of required date. 25% deposit at time of booking.

Full payment due 7 days before booked date.

Cancellation, with full deposit refund 21 days before booked date. Cancellation less than 21 days before booking, non-refundable deposit retained. Cancellation in 7 days before booking, full payment retained.



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