

# Activities



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Thank you for choosing Newhall Mains as your Scottish Highlands hideaway. Ways to experience our Black Isle farmstead and beyond range from the idyllic to the adventurous, with plenty of leisurely pursuits to pass the time both on and off the estate.

COMPLIMENTARY:

Croquet, sauna, e-bikes (including helmets), farm tours (including Highland cow 'meet and greets').

ADDITIONAL COST:

Whisky tastings, cocktail masterclasses, picnic hampers, guided day trips, scenic flights, boat charter.

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## LAND

### Guided Tours



Venture into the heart of the Highlands, up to the Northlands, or over to the Isle of Skye with our in-house guide and experienced driver. Our itineraries are designed as full day trips, and you'll need to set aside up to 11 hours for the most immersive, off-trail adventures. The routes vary and can be weather dependent, but might see you step back in time on Culloden Battlefield, discover the Highland heritage of Cawdor, Dunrobin and Eilean Donan castles, spot seals and sirens across the Cromarty Firth, take a whisky tour in one of Scotland's oldest distilleries, and soak up the coastal beauty of old fishing villages along the way.

*Tours are priced at £70 an hour for two guests, and bespoke itineraries are available on request.*

### Picnic Hampers



Filled to the brim with seasonal Scottish produce, beautifully packaged sandwiches, and an assortment of sweet and savoury treats, our picnic hampers can be pre-ordered to take on your Highland excursions—or simply be enjoyed in a quiet corner of our estate.

*Hampers cost £55 for two and must be ordered by 5pm to be enjoyed the following day.*

## Whisky Tasting and Mixology



Join us in our intimate bar, which is inspired by the sophisticated settings of Tokyo's Ginza district and stocked with premium Highland whisky labels, Japanese single malts, and just about everything you need to craft the perfect cocktail.

*Whisky tastings are £35 per person, and cocktail masterclasses are £40 per person. Kindly give our bar team at least 12 hours notice when booking with reception.*

## Asado BBQ



Gather in the courtyard every Sunday from 1pm to 3.30pm for a wood-fired Sunday roast, with classic cuts from our farm slow-cooked over our Argentinian *asado* grill. Wrap up warm and come with a hearty appetite.

## Sauna



Our six-seater sauna is available for exclusive use if you'd like to book a complimentary one-hour slot at reception. You'll find our in-the-wild wellness area in the field just past Red Gates, down by the old walnut tree. There's decking to unwind on when the sun's out, and a cold plunge pool if you're into Nordic bathing rituals.

## Croquet



At the heart of our old farmstead, our parasol-flanked courtyard is enjoying new life as a summer croquet lawn. Mallets, hoops, and wooden balls are readily available, and our team can give any beginners a run-down of the rules.

## E-Bikes



With its quiet country lanes, forest tracks and criss-crossing coastal trails, the Black Isle is ideal for cyclists, whatever your fitness level. There are purpose-built mountain bike trails through the forest at Learnie Red Rocks, or you can pedal along the shore road from North Kessock to Redcastle past medieval fish traps and a Pictish crannog. Don't hesitate to ask us for our favourite routes or advice on using the hotel's free-to-borrow e-bicycles.

## Farm Tours



We're happy to take you around our farm's orchards, beehives, and pastures grazed by Highland cows and Jacob sheep (you'll notice their Y-shaped horns in our logo, and their wool is spun into the rugs and blankets dotted around your cottage).

# AIR



See the Scottish Highlands from the sky on a trial flight, taking off from and landing on our private airfield in a light aircraft. You can be in the air between 30 minutes and 2.5 hours, winging over natural beauty spots like Loch Ness, Ben Nevis, the West Coast, and Skye's chiselled cliffs, plus landmarks like the Glenfinnan Viaduct (made famous by Harry Potter's Hogwarts Express).

*Scenic flights start from £384 for up to three passengers.*

# SEA



Cruise along the Cromarty coast and out to the North Sea aboard our private RIB, built for close-up wildlife encounters with bottlenose dolphins, basking sharks, pilot whales, sea birds, and seals. We can also organise picnics and BBQs on remote beaches which are best accessed by boat, and you'll quite often have the entire shoreline all to yourself.

*Boat charter starts from £590 for up to 6 passengers.*