

The Smart Guide

A DESIRABLE DESTINATION, MUST-HAVE ACCESSORIES, TIMEPIECES FOR YOUR TRAVELS AND MORE



Reeled in
Angling enthusiasts can take advantage of the estate's fishing huts

Highland Heaven

SURROUNDED BY STRIKING SCENERY, A REFURBISHED LODGE SHOWCASES THE SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE AT ITS BEAUTIFUL BEST

Ensnconed in the stark natural beauty of the Cairngorm mountains in Scotland's eastern Highlands, **Tulchan**, a sprawling, 8,900ha retreat, has long counted among the best places to immerse oneself in both Scottish tradition and nature. Surrounded by bucolic leas and tumbling, forested hills, and flanked by the fish-rife River Spey, this blessed piece of land historically has proven to be a sportsman's bounty. No wonder, then, that these were the stomping grounds of King Edward VII and King George, both V and VI. Freshly emerged from a multimillion-pound refurbishment by prolific interior-design firm Nicholas Haslam, the 120-year-old Victorian estate housing the Tulchan Club now beckons visitors anew. The heritage-conscious refit, which among other updates has seen the

restoration of original panelling and artwork, serves only to enhance historic allure, which is visible in every corner of the estate, from the 14 vintage bedrooms to the private dining room and the drawing room – the perfect place for a post-hunt aperitif and cigar in the warmth of a wood-burning fireplace. Next to a deep regard for its past, the club also maintains a sense of place, especially when it comes to its culinary concept: produce is grown on the estate's own farm, while home-bred Aberdeen Angus beef and free-range chicken round out the menu. Most importantly, the retreat puts the conservation of the surrounding moorland front and centre – an approach that reflects an abiding respect for the gifts the land has bestowed upon this little spot of heaven on Earth. tulchan.com

➔ Inverness Airport: 40miles/64km