

OSPREY LODGE

Osprey Lodge/ Update, Guestbook comments, Thanks

UPDATE

Osprey Lodge has been fully booked since opening in February, this continues through to end September. We do have availability remaining for a 1 week holiday both in October and November. (Week also available beginning December.)

As we move into the future we will always continue to invest in the Lodge, a wee tweak here, a wee tweak there... We have just installed a 10 seat outdoor dining cube, and next to add is a double sided range cooker. For the client who has just booked the 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year, congratulations on being first ever Osprey guests over these really special weeks, and rest assured the new oven will indeed cook a turkey!!!

GUEST COMMENTS FROM THE OSPREY LODGE GUESTBOOK

Osprey's property information guide says- "We originally set out with the aim of creating one of Scotland's most special holiday properties, a place in which many memories will be created for many people, and many special times had".

In that context therefore we are absolutely delighted and very humbled to have had so many lovely guest comments over what are only the first few months.

We are now starting a guest photo album, which will be kept in The Lodge, this will help us to record these memories and special times.

Any guests reading this who have already stayed in Osprey Lodge? If by any chance you have a couple of digital photos you'd like us to add to the album then we'd appreciate very much if you could please email direct to nicholas@balbirnie.co.uk, we'll then get them printed off and added. (Photos taken either at Osprey Lodge, or within the Cairngorms.)

'Winter wonderland... beautiful sunsets viewed from the hot tub...' FIRST GUESTS/
FULLERTON PARTY

'This bespoke house can only be complimented by nature's magnificence... we arrived to peace and calm, and left with tranquility...' MACMILLAN PARTY (Follow-up email... 'There is clearly something very spiritual about Osprey Lodge...')

'The Lodge is so well equipped... our stay was too short...' HALLY PARTY

'Wonderfully relaxing... an idyllic spot... attention to detail in Lodge second to none...' WALKER PARTY

'A fantastic place to stay.. made all the more memorable by waking up to an unexpected snow-covered wonderland, perfect...' BANKS FAMILY

'Fantastic setting, great accommodation... we had a lovely time... the hot tub was a huge hit, as was the RSPB Osprey Reserve...' SLATER PARTY

'A special place. Character for all four seasons...' WOLFMAN PARTY

'You think of everything. Very special and much appreciated...' RONALD PARTY

'A wonderful week... lovely walks through the woods... BBQ's on the terrace... and swimming in Loch Garten.. Loved the badgers in the garden each night at dusk.. they love peanut butter!!!' MILLER PARTY

'A wonderful time... all the family loved the setting (dog included)... thoroughly enjoyed the wildlife and scenery surrounding Osprey Lodge..' PEARSON PARTY

'I had a great time in Osprey Lodge. It is such a lovely place. We are only staying for 1 week and I do not want to go... I am coming back next year for sure...' REBECCA CONNOR, Age 12

'I think that Osprey Lodge is absolutely beautiful. I can't wait to come again. I have written a warning saying why you should not climb the mountain you can see from the window...'
ANASTASIA Age 12 (NB Anastasia, We have just added a folder of many walks throughout The Cairngorms National Park.)

'We arrived at Osprey Lodge just as the first Osprey flew in from Africa. Stunning Lodge and setting, especially in the snow. Hot tub under the stars was a memorable highlight...'
MCGOWAN PARTY

'Fantastic venue. Endless things to do... wonderful golf courses, great fishing... Really enjoyed the comforts. Heaps good...' ROBBIE MACMILLAN PARTY

'Beautiful location and a fabulous house- real luxury. Sunroom well used as the social centre...'
CARMICHAEL PARTY

(A very special card received) 'Dear Nick and Gaynor, we never want to leave this place.'
LUCAS AND ZANDER Age 9 and 7

'It is not easy finding somewhere that keeps 3 boys entertained but we've found it. What a pad. Starlight in hot tub was amazing... The sounds of nature everywhere was fantastic... a wonderful few days...' BROOK PARTY

'Thank you so much for a truly relaxing stay. We were well impressed by attention to detail... great to cook in such a well thought out kitchen... the children loved the wildlife, especially the deer grazing each morning, can't wait to come back...'
GRAYS AND BULMERS PARTY

'What a weekend... hot tub fantastic.. scenery brill...'
SMITH PARTY

'A unique property... we have stayed in Aviemore many times, this property has been the best, we will be back...'
MACKENZIE PARTY

'How privileged we feel to have been able to spend a week in such beautiful surroundings... The Ospreys are a must to see, and so close... An evening walk to Loch Garten through the

Neolithic pine forest is a great way to let the stress of modern living lift away...' FRANKE PARTY

'We had a fantastic time... Everything has been as perfect as it should be on a honeymoon...' EUAN AND CLAIRE BAIN

'8 female retiring sports stars having a relaxing few days together. Absolutely fabulous...' Linda and The Clan

THANKS

Creating Osprey Lodge has certainly been a bit more complex than we thought at outset. We've had a huge amount of help from many people, and in particular would like to thank-

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And finally, to Myra and Ian Forrester of Great North Lodges. Thanks for all your advice, and for having the vision and belief that Osprey Lodge could sit with compatibility with your many truly wonderful properties.

Fancy a holiday in The Cairngorms National Park? Visit Great North Lodges website www.greatnorthlodges.co.uk

Best wishes and thanks to one and all,

Nicholas and Gaynor/ July 2009