

The Ghillies Bar

Serving from 12 noon – 2.30pm and early suppers from 5pm until 6pm. Last table 6pm.

<h2>Celebrating Tradition</h2>	<h2>Whilst You Decide</h2>	
<p>One person who knows the ever-changing landscape of the hills, how the riverbed lies through the months and where the wildlife is, better than most is the ghillie. Roughly translating from Gaelic as an attendant, someone who looked after their employer and/or guests, today's ghillie manages the wilderness and guides guests through it responsibly.</p> <p>Traditionally Highland chiefs would use ghillies to guide them through the landscape, do the heavy lifting, point out the best hunting spots and assess the weather conditions. As time moved on and as many estates came under private ownership rather than the clans, the Highlands became a popular holiday destination, fuelled by Sir Walter Scott's stories and Queen Victoria's love of the country. As people travelled north seeking adventure, ghillies were in demand due to their knowledge of the landscape.</p>	<p>SMOKEHOUSE NUTS (N) 5.50</p> <p>BALMORAL BREAD & SALTED BUTTER (G, Mi) 4.50</p> <p>MARINATED GORDAL OLIVES (Sd) 5.50</p>	
<h2>Royal Appointment</h2>	<h2>Small Plates & Light Lunches</h2>	
<p>One of the most famous ghillies was John Brown, a ghillie to Prince Albert during his visits to Balmoral. After Albert's death, Brown became a constant figure by Queen Victoria's side and was a confidant to the monarch for over 20 years.</p> <p>Ghillies Bar is a nod to the tradition of this role and the important part ghillies continue to play today in wildlife management, countryside maintenance, and eco-tourism.</p> 	<p>SOUP OF THE DAY (G, Mi, GFA, MiFA, V, Ce) 8 Balmoral bread, salted butter</p> <p>SCOTTISH SMOKED SALMON (F, G, GFA) 17 Herb bruschetta, pickled cucumber ribbons, caviar, sea herbs</p> <p>MINI WARK FARM LAMB AND PRUNE PIES (G, Mi, E) 12 Gravy, pickled red cabbage, garden greens salad</p>	
<h2>Taste of Royal Deeside</h2>	<h2>Open Sandwiches</h2>	
<p>Our dishes in Ghillies Bar showcase the true taste of Royal Deeside. Alongside award-winning Gilmour Butchers, we feature beef and game from the local butcher in Ballater - H. M. Sheridan, who has held a Royal Warrant since 1987 and is located just around the corner from the Balmoral Arms.</p> <p>Seafood comes fresh from the North Sea into the fishing ports of Aberdeen.</p>	<p>Our sandwiches are made with thick cut brown or white bloomer and come with dressed leaves and Taste of Game crisps</p> <p>FETA & AVO (N, G, Mi, GFA, MiFA, V, Mu, MuFA) 11 Avocado, feta, red onion, walnuts, micro coriander, lime, honey mustard dressing</p> <p>CHICKEN AND BACON WEDGE CAESAR (G, Mi, GFA, Mu, E, F, Mu, MuFA) 12.50 Grilled chicken breast & smoked bacon, cos lettuce, parmesan shavings, creamy garlic anchovy dressing</p> <p>BEEF AND HORSERADISH (Mu, G, GFA, Mu, MuFA) 13.50 Peppered beef pastrami, creamed horseradish, freshly sliced tomato, mixed leaves</p>	
	<h2>Main Courses</h2> <p>BEER BATTER FISH & CHIPS (G, F, Mu, GFA, E) 18 Lemon, side salad, potato chips, tartar sauce</p> <p>MUSHROOM TRUFFLE RISOTTO (Mi, MiFA, V) 18.50 Truffled mushrooms, parmesan cheese, chives and petite herb salad</p> <p>BEEF BURGER (G, Mi, GFA, MiFA, V, GA, E) 21 Toasted brioche bun, homemade burger sauce, crisp lettuce, melted cheddar cheese, onion rings, pickle, tomato, thick cut chips, coleslaw</p> <h2>Coffees, Teas & Hot Drinks</h2> <p>COFFEES 4.50 Americano, Cappuccino, Flat White, Latte, Mocha Espresso, Macchiato Scotch Coffee with Famous Grouse 9</p> <p>TEAS 4 Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Decaffeinated, Green, Peppermint, Lemon & Ginger and Red Berry</p> <p>HOT CHOCOLATE 4.50 Hot chocolate, whipped cream Hot chocolate, Dark Matter Spiced Rum, whipped cream 9</p> <h2>Puddings</h2> <p>FROM OUR CHALK BOARD</p> <p>HOME BAKED SCONES (G, Mi, E) 10.00 Raspberry jam, clotted cream</p>	

Allergens: Ce - Celery; Cr - Crustaceans; E - Eggs; F - Fish; G - Gluten; GFA - Gluten Free Available
Lu - Lupin; Mi - Milk; MiFA - Milk Free Available Mo -- Molluscs; Mu - Mustard; MuFA - Mustard Free Available
N - Nuts, Se - Sesame Seeds; So - Soya; Sd - Sulphur Dioxide V - Vegetarian; VA - Vegetarian Available; Vg - Vegan; VgA - Vegan Available

BEFORE ORDERING, PLEASE INFORM A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM IF YOU HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY OR INTOLERANCE.

Most of our guests now prefer to pay via debit or credit card including a service charge for great service. To make this easier we have added an automatic service charge - we've made it a default 10% and you can change it to any level you wish including no service charge. Our teams have always shared service charge - every penny you might want to give is shared equally by our teams. There is no administration cost or anything retained by the company; what you may give is guaranteed to go 100% to our team. Service charge is entirely optional, if you would like us to remove it, you need only ask.