

# VAD 2010 Scotland





Flight to Edinburgh or Glasgow airport  
Transfer by car to Gleneagles hotel

Gleneagles is one of Scotland's most luxurious 5 star resorts. Set in 850 acres of Perthshire countryside, Gleneagles is home to three of the top Scottish Championship Golf Courses and a wide range of exhilarating outdoor leisure activities.

Check in and enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the beautiful surroundings that you will call home for the next few days.

Take advantage of the wide range of experiences around the resort. There is plenty to do, with a selection of shops to browse and free access to the leisure club, swimming pools and tennis courts

- The Spa by ESPA
- Award winning Golf courses
- Golf Academy
- Outdoor leisure activities



The Gleneagles Hotel also offers some of the finest accommodation in Scotland, stylishly decorated, with luxurious fabrics and spacious bathrooms.

Bedroom amenities include:

King size bed, En-suite bath & shower room, iron, ironing board & trouser press, hairdryer, luxury toiletries, bathrobes & slippers, 2-line telephone with voicemail, Wired or wireless internet access, flat screen television with Freeview and satellite channels, DVD player, Minibar and tea & coffee making facilities.

After what we hope will be an enjoyable day exploring Gleneagles, get ready to enjoy an evening of Scottish hospitality and a chance for you to meet the rest of the group.

A delicious private dinner will be served in the Gleneagles Ruthven Room.



## DAY 2

After breakfast, served in the restaurant, you will be able to experience a day in the capital of Scotland:

### EDINBURGH

The beautiful and historic city of Edinburgh is split into two distinct areas by the stunning and infamous Princes Street Gardens. To the south lies the enigmatic Old Town. At its heart, sitting atop a craggy outcropping is Edinburgh Castle, the 'jewel in Scotland's crown'. The Castle dates back 900 years and continues to dominate the city and skyline.

The Royal Mile – the backbone of the Old Town and without doubt one of the most famous streets in the world links together two of the City's most popular and noted landmarks – the Castle and the Palace of Holyrood house. The Palace of Holyrood is the official residence of HM The Queen in Scotland. This magnificent baroque palace is closely associated with Scotland's rich history and is today the country's only working royal palace.

One of the most recent additions to the old town, at the foot of the Royal Mile and nestling in the shadow of Arthur's seat is the Scottish Parliament building. Opened by HM The Queen in 2004, it is a stunning example of modern architecture





After a morning exploring the city a reservation has been made for lunch at one of Edinburgh most famous restaurants:

### **THE WITCHERY BY THE CASTLE**

Located in an historic sixteenth-century building at the gates of Edinburgh Castle, James Thomson's Witchery is the most atmospheric and spectacular dining destination in the city.

A unique location, stunning interiors and superlative food, wine and service create memorable and magical dining experiences for locals, visitors and celebrities alike. Ewan MacGregor, Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta Jones, Jack Nicholson and Clarissa Dickson Wright have all succumbed to its charms, with Andrew Lloyd Webber calling it *the prettiest restaurant ever!*

Originally built for an Edinburgh merchant in 1595, this historic building on the Royal Mile now includes the jewel-like Witchery dining room, the spectacular Secret Garden and a collection of totally indulgent and opulent suites on the floors above and in an adjacent historic building.

The Witchery has developed a world-wide reputation for sensational food in the most indulgent setting. They source the very best of Scotland's produce such as Angus beef, lamb, game and seafood, which then features on a classic menu in a relaxed and unfussy style. Scottish lobster and rock oysters regularly feature alongside Witchery classic dishes such as hot smoked salmon with leeks and hollandaise or Angus beef fillet with smoked garlic broth.

After an afternoon of shopping and sightseeing in Edinburgh enjoy a relaxed late afternoon at Gleneagles.

An informal dinner will be served in the Gleneagles Terrace Room.

## DAY 3

### MORNING ACTIVITIES

Everyone will have a chance to take part in the outdoor pursuits offered by Gleneagles with a little bit of friendly competition thrown in.

**Clay target shooting:** A fun target shooting competition with instruction throughout, at the world class facilities provided at the Shooting School. Clay target can be scored with a simple 'who shot the most' score or by 'who improved the most'.

**Falconry:** A demonstration at the British School of Falconry, including an eagle, followed by the flying of a falcon stooping to a lure and 'hands on' instruction with Harris Hawks. At the end of the session the instructor will have a multiple choice quiz based on the information given to you throughout the experience.

**Gundogs:** This unique opportunity is inspired by Scotland's great sporting heritage, wherein Labradors, spaniels and other breeds have, for many centuries, partnered sportsmen and women in the field. Encompassing demonstrations and hands on experience with the dogs, group sessions provide a memorable and hugely enjoyable opportunity to spend time with a first-class working gundog. The Instructor will score each person on their interaction with the dogs and their ability to follow instructions.

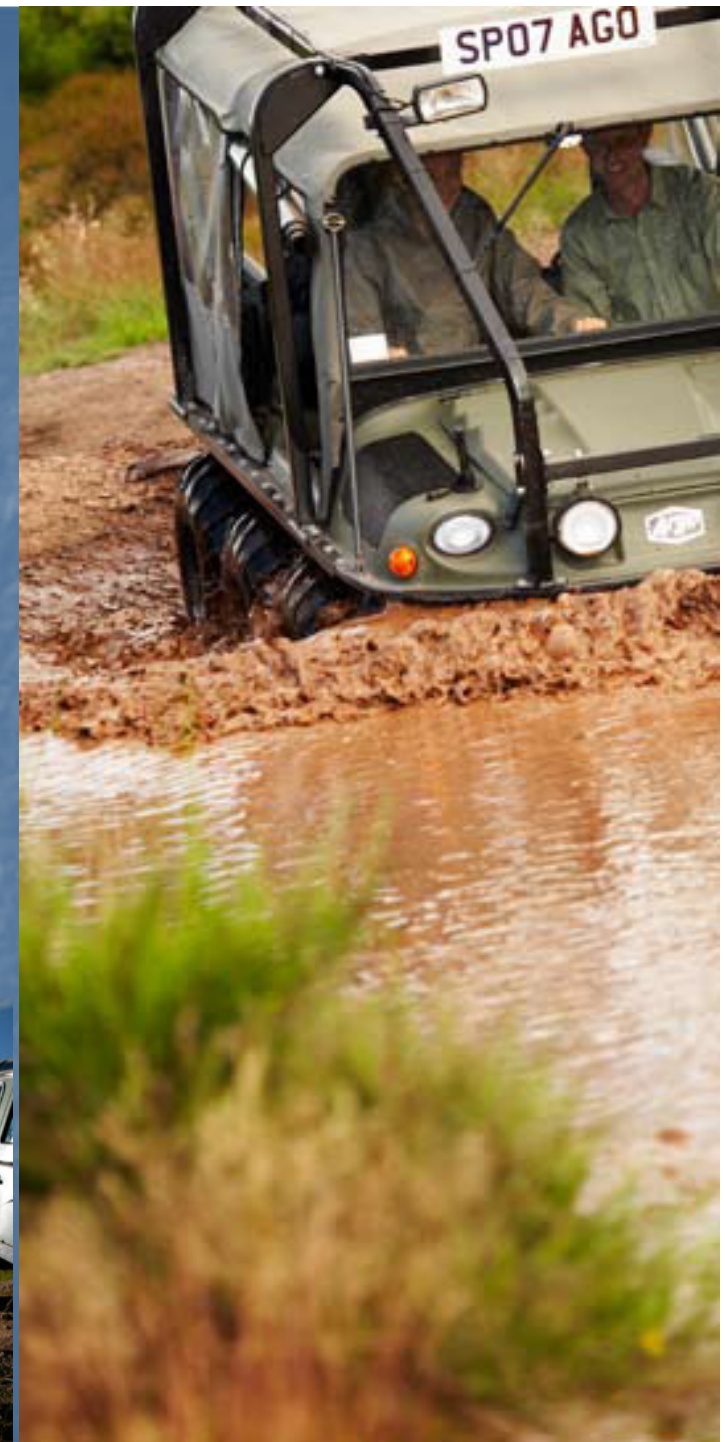


After a private lunch in the Dormy suite you, get ready for an afternoon of Off road Driving!

Gleneagles has two off road courses close to the hotel. Designed by some of Britain's leading off-road specialists, they incorporate natural and purpose built obstacles to include water splashes, ditches, escalating ridges, gullies and steep gradients.

You will be taught four wheel drive techniques including hill climbs, controlled descents in forward and reverse gears, driving through water splashes and vehicle handling over rough or wet ground.

The instructors will then score you, taking into account the various driving techniques throughout the course.





## FINAL EVENING

Your final evening in Scotland will be one to remember!

Burns Night is a traditional Scottish celebration of the life of poet Robert Burns. It usually takes place around the birthday of the poet in January, but as a special event for this group a Burns Night Supper will be prepared for your final evening at Gleneagles.

You'll be welcomed by a piper for pre-dinner drinks and piped through to the dining room where you'll feast on a traditional Burns Night dinner including Haggis served with mashed tatties (potatoes) and mashed neeps (swede) and a Wee Dram (whiskey!) or two!

You'll be entertained with readings of Burns' works and traditional Scottish dancing.

This is a fantastic experience and will leave you with great memories of your trip to Scotland.



## LAST DAY

After last night's merriment, it's back to business this morning with a session from 9am to 11am.

After this you have time at leisure to buy some gifts, have a final walk around the grounds or just finish packing before rejoining the group for a buffet lunch in the Deseo Restaurant.

Departures for the airport will follow, making sure you have plenty of time to arrive at the airport before your flight.

Bon voyage and we hope to see you again soon!

