

# The Meikleour Arms



Welcome to your hotel Cottage 1. The inn is owned and run by Meikleour Estate, which has been at the heart of the same Franco-Scottish family since 1362. The Meikleour Arms is proud to have won several UK accredited awards, including AA Best Pub Scotland 2019/20 and our stylish and comfortable rooms and cottages have been praised in all the main national newspapers. “Being Special” is a work in progress and our owners and team hugely value your feedback so please do not hesitate to speak to us. Have a wonderful time.



[www.meikleourarms.co.uk](http://www.meikleourarms.co.uk)



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*Est. 1820*

To make your stay with us as comfortable and as safe as possible, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to read this information document.

[Please also read our COVID-19 Update.](#)

## **During Hours: (7am – 11pm)**

If you require assistance please call our office 01250883206.

## **Overnight: (11pm – 7am)**

There will always be a night porter on duty in the hotel main building.

We are a small team here at The Meikleour Arms working hard to make your stay a memorable one. If there is anything we can help you with during your time here, please do not hesitate in asking and we will do our up most to assist you.

We pride ourselves on our reputation and therefore would be grateful if you would speak to us should there be anything not to your satisfaction.

We very much hope that you enjoy your visit with us.

*Thank you,*

**The Meikleour Arms Team**

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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Our team and owners have done their uppermost to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken throughout our establishment to ensure a COVID-safe environment for all our guests and staff. Things are going to feel a bit different but you will still feel the passion we put in our work.



## SOCIAL DISTANCING

We thank you in advance to keep a 2m distance with other guests and members of staff especially while accessing the building or waiting for your table.

The resident lounge and courtyard are for you to use but can we kindly ask you not to move the sofas and armchairs.

Hand sanitisers are at your disposal throughout the hotel.

## HOUSEKEEPING

Your cottage has been thoroughly cleaned then sanitised following Government advice. We sanitise hard surfaces using a viricidal solution (tested against BS EN14476) and steam curtains, furnishing and floors. All our communal areas are regularly disinfected and we also use ozone air purifiers.

**Daily Cleaning during your stay:** Cottages will be cleaned on request only during your stay. Please use the sign “make my room”. Do call the office 01250 883206 if you need anything.

## AMENITIES

Guests and hotel inspectors praise all the little touches in our rooms. However, in those unprecedented times we have decided to only keep the necessary in your bedroom: the large tea caddy selection has been replaced by a simple dish (please ask for more), the cashmere bed throws, the pretty cushions, the larger selection of crockery have been tidied away for the time being but are available on request. If you need anything please call our duty manager on 01250 883206.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## RESTAURANT TABLE RESERVATION

With social distancing in mind we have removed half of our tables and introduced 4 sitting times for dinner: 6pm – 6:30pm  
8pm – 8:30pm. Please inform our duty manager if you need to change your reservation. We appreciate that it is a bit inflexible but this is the only way we can ensure all our residents can eat with us in a safe and relaxing environment while giving our staff the necessary time to sanitise tables between guests.

## STAFF ETIQUETTE

With social distancing restriction in place, our usual hospitable etiquette is sadly not possible: we would love to hold the door for you, carry your luggage, guide you to your room. Our members our staff haven't forgotten their manners, they just follow the industry guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

## CHECKIN/CHECKOUT

Your bill can be sent by email and you can call our duty manager on 01250 883206 to settle your bill in the comfort of your home or allow us to charge your card. Make sure that we have the right e-mail to contact you during your stay

## IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS

If you start felling unwell with fever (>38°C), continuous dry cough and shortness of breath you should go on NHS 111. The default advice is to return home as soon as possible. Please call our office 01250 883206 to inform our duty manager.

## COVID 19 STATEMENT

Please read our COVID 19 [STATEMENT](#)



# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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**In an emergency or life threatening situation dial 999**

## **IN THE EVENT OF A POWER FAILURE**

- Call the hotel 01250883206
- Central Heating & hot water systems will cease operation.

## **OTHER EMERGENCIES**

For non-emergency calls, phone Police Scotland on 101.



# MEDICAL INFORMATION

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**If you require an ambulance, please dial 999**

**For non-emergencies please contact the services below.**

## **OUT OF HOURS**

### **NHS 24. Dial 111**

This service is here to provide urgent health advice out of hours, when the GP Practice or Dentist is closed.

## **DENTAL**

### **Blairgowrie Dental Care (4 miles)**

High Street, Blairgowrie, PH10 6DF

Tel: 01250 875136

## **DOCTORS SURGERY**

### **Ardblair Medical Centre (4 miles)**

Ann Street, Blairgowrie, PH10 6EF

Tel: 01250 876668

## **NEAREST HOSPITALS**

### **Blairgowrie Cottage Hospital (4 miles)**

Perth Road, Blairgowrie PH10 6EE

Tel: 01250 874466

### **Perth Royal Infirmary (13 miles)**

Taymount Terrace, Perth PH1 1NX

Tel: 01738 623311

### **Ninewells Hospital (17 miles)**

James Arrott Drive, Dundee DD2 1SY

Tel: 01382 660111

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the building. If you are found to have been smoking in your room, an extra charge may be added to your bill.

## PARKING

Please Park in front of your cottage. All cars are parked at the owner's risk.

## BREAKFAST

Breakfast is included and served daily to all of our guests between **07:30am** and **09:30am**.

Should you require an earlier or later breakfast please let us know prior so that we can accommodate your request.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## BAR & RESTAURANT

The **Meikleour Arms restaurant** is proud of its Franco-Scottish heritage. We endeavour to serve simple, good country food, incorporating as much local produce from our land and kitchen garden. All our meat come from our very own butchery and can be traced from “field to plate”.

Our heart-warming bar boasts a fabulous array of artisan gins and single malts, as well as our very own cask real ale ‘Lure of Meikleour’, developed for us by The Strathbraan Brewery. Wine lovers won’t be disappointed with 13 different wines by the glass and a substantial wine list to choose from with selections from vineyards all over the world. Our lady owner is from Bordeaux and we have our very own house claret, “le Nid du Héron”.

## RESTAURANT HOURS

**12pm – 9pm, (last orders 9pm)**

We hold a table for our guests for evening meals, please confirm your time with a member of staff the night before or at breakfast.

## BAR HOURS

**Monday to Sunday 11am – 11pm, Friday & Saturday 11am – 12pm, Sunday 12pm – 11pm  
(drinking at bar counter not possible during COVID 19 restrictions)**

## PICNICS

We can organise a picnic hamper for you – ideal for those spending a day on the river or exploring the beautiful countryside. Please let us know the evening prior by filling out the picnic form.

# ROOM INFORMATION

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## CHECKOUT

Guests are requested to settle their bill on their last morning or the evening prior.

We accept payment by all major card holders (excluding American Express).

**All guests are requested to vacate their rooms by 11:00am on day of departure.**

**\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE YOUR KEYS WITH US ON DEPARTURE \*\*\***

## DUVETS & PILLOWS

All our bedding is made from luxurious hypo-allergenic material. Our blankets are made of pure woven silk which is naturally antibacterial and breathable.

If you need any extras or would like your bed to be made up with a blanket instead please let us know.



# BEDROOM CLEANING

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## LINEN

**COVID-19 Update: During your stay, your room will be cleaned on request only.**

Please use the sign “make my room” and your bedroom will be serviced by our housekeepers, with a linen change over on every third day of your stay.

## TOWELS

Please help us maintain our commitment to being environmentally friendly by preventing the unnecessary washing of towelling.

- If you leave your towels in the bath/shower, we will gladly change them.
- If you leave your towels on the rail, you are happy to re-use them.

However, if you do need any additional bedding, linen or the beds changed sooner please don't hesitate in asking.

## PETS

We are a dog friendly hotel with dedicated dog-friendly rooms which are thoroughly steam-cleaned after each visit. We kindly ask that they are kept off the soft furnishings throughout the hotel, if you have forgotten their bed we have some washable ones to borrow as well as doggy towels. We kindly ask you **NOT** to leave your dog alone in the cottage, there are areas in the restaurant for pet owners.

There is an outside tap available to wash any muddy paws before coming into the hotel (applies for welly boots as well!).

Pets stay for free but we hope you will understand why a fee may be charged if further extensive cleaning of any property is required or if furnishings need to be dry-cleaned or repaired.



# ROOM INFORMATION

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## IRONING & LAUNDRY

An iron and ironing board is available in your cupboard. There is a washer-dryer combo in the cottage.

## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

The Meikleour Arms is ideally located as a great base for exploring the outdoors. We have a few facilities in place to help with equipment during your time with us.

- Fishing Rod Storage for those fishing on our beat
- Outside Tap (for muddy boots & paws)
- Gun Cabinets (for the safe storage of firearms during your stay)

**Please ask a member of staff to guide you in the right direction.**

## WOOD FOR THE STOVE

You will find extra logs situated in the wooden boxes between both sets of cottages, please use this.

## HEATING & HOT WATER

The heating and hot water supplies within the estate buildings come from an eco-friendly biomass boiler which operates continuously 24 hours a day. The thermostat for the central heating can be found on the wall in the hallway, as you enter the cottage – adjust this to change the temperature in your cottage. Each individual radiator can also be adjusted should you require different temperatures in each room.

## INTERNET ACCESS COTTAGE 1

Network Name: BTBHub6-PTQ9 | Password: 6hXNgbMTfX4g



# LOCAL AMENITIES

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The village of Meikleour does not host any shops however Blairgowrie (5 miles) is the closest town to us and offers a wide range of amenities and services.

- Post Office
- Tourist Information
- Bank
- Chemist
- Florist
- Supermarket
- Petrol Station

Please ask a member of the team if you are looking for something specific and we can point you in the right direction.

# THINGS TO DO

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## SALMON FISHING

The Meikleour Arms has been serving anglers for more than 200 years. The River Tay is one of the most productive salmon rivers in the UK and attracts anglers from all over the world. The largest salmon ever caught in the UK, 64lbs, was caught by a lady just minutes away from our building.

The season starts on the 15th of January (we are proud to host the official opening ceremony of the river) and finishes on the 15th of October.

For conservation purposes the River operates a “catch and release” policy which means that all salmon caught must be promptly and safely put back in the water. It is a criminal offense to kill a wild salmon between the 15th of January and the 31st of March.

Meikleour Estate maintain their own salmon fishing beat, the iconic **Upper Islamouth and Meikleour beat** ([www.islamouth.co.uk](http://www.islamouth.co.uk)). We welcome anglers of all levels and provide equipment if necessary. The most enjoyable and safest way to discover and appreciate the mighty Tay is from a traditional Tay wooden cobble with your personal Ghillie. **Our guided day boat salmon fishing price starts at £150/day for up to two anglers, with equipment and standard tuition included.**

There are many other beats around us that we would happily recommend, just ask us.

## GOLF

If you are a keen golfer, then you are in the right place! Meikleour Arms; well-located having many golf courses nearby.

- **Blairgowrie Golf Club** (5 miles)
- **Strathmore Golf Centre** (10 miles)
- **Alyth Golf Course** (11 miles)
- **Dunkeld and Birnam Golf Club** (11 miles)
- **Gleneagles Golf Course** (28 miles)
- **St Andrews** (32 miles)

We have discounted green fees with all the local courses.

Do not hesitate in asking if you would like us to organise a tee time for you.

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## FALCONRY ON THE ESTATE

Meikleour Arms guests have the opportunity to be introduced to the art of falconry. Stewart will take you with his birds around the woodlands on the Estate, where you can walk with the hawks and learn to fly them. Please ask a member of the team for more information.

## WALKING & HIKING

The village of Meikleour is the ideal place for guests looking to enjoy the outdoors.

We highly recommend a walk along the Estate's beautiful North Wood (take the path on the left of the restaurant entrance) or a walk along the river Tay. Our pebble beach will delight bird watchers but we kindly ask you to keep dogs under control especially during the spring and the salmon spawning season (Nov-Dec).

You can download on [our website](#) a map of recommended walks (see our **Things to Do** section)

For walks a little further afield, here are a few you may be interested in:

- **The Bluebell Woods, Blairgowrie** – Beautiful in the spring, awash with a carpet of bluebells.
- **The Hermitage, Dunkeld** – Towering Douglas firs, a spectacular waterfall and a picturesque folly.
- **Bealach na Searmon, Pitlochry** – Woodland and open hillside leading to a walk along the River Garry.

## SKIING

### Glenshee Ski Centre

Glenshee hosts some of the UK's most extensive skiing and snowboarding facilities.

They have an impressive 22 lifts and 36 runs – offering a diversity of terrain for all standards of skiers and snowboarders.

# VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

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There is a wide selection of visitor attractions for you, whether you are visiting the area for the first time or returning to explore more of beautiful Perthshire. Have a look through the *Welcome to Perthshire Guide* in your room for some inspiration. Here are a few options recommended by us.

## **SCONE PALACE**

5★ visitor attraction combining amazing history, art & antiques, architecture and of course fun for the children.

## **GLAMIS CASTLE**

The birthplace of the Queen Mother. Tour the castle, explore the gardens & enjoy afternoon tea – you will not be untouched by the magic of Glamis Castle.

## **THE LAND ROVER EXPERIENCE SCOTLAND**

For a fun day off road we highly recommend the Land Rover Experience Scotland near Dunkeld, they also offer one hour quad treks for everyone from 12 year old.

## **PITLOCHRY DAM VISITOR CENTRE**

Showcases the rich history of hydroelectricity in the north of Scotland and how it transformed lives. Thousands visit the Dam to see the salmon swim to their breeding grounds up river and now everyone can learn the secrets of that incredible journey.

## **THE HOUSE OF BRUAR**

The House of Bruar sits at the foot of the Bruar Falls near Blair Atholl Castle. Widely acknowledged as the Harrods of the Highlands it has everything Scottish; from fine cashmere, high-end tablet to artwork. If you are a small group they are happy to welcome you for a complimentary guided tour (the shop is vast!).

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

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## TAXIS

### Local Taxis:

- **Blairgowrie Taxis**    01250 872116
- **Angela's Taxis**        01250 874444
- **Lady Driver Taxi**     07725 346643

### Airport Taxis:

For long distance, airport transport and groups, we recommend A&B Taxis in Perth **01738 446688**.

They offer taxis up to 8 people, mini coaches, trailer for bulky sporting equipment and wheelchair friendly vehicles.

## BUSES

Being situated in a small village the buses are a little sporadic however there is a bus stop in the village which goes to Perth or Dundee, stopping off at all the smaller towns and villages en route. Bus Numbers 34 or 58.

Please ask a member of the team if you need any assistance.

## TRAINS

You will find timetables at [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk)

The nearest train stations to us are:

Dunkeld (11 miles)

Perth (13 miles)

Dundee (20 miles)

## AIRPORTS

**Edinburgh International Airport** is 53 miles away, so allow at least 1 hr 30 minutes depending on the traffic over the Queensferry Crossing Bridge.

**Glasgow International Airport** is situated on the south side of Glasgow. It is 78 miles away, so allow 2 hours depending on the time of day for the Glasgow traffic.

**Dundee Airport** is 30 minutes away and has regular flights from and to London City.

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