

The  
Ghillies Bar

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

Celebrating Tradition

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.

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.

Royal Appointment

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.

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.



Taste of Royal Deeside

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.

Seafood comes fresh from the North Sea into the fishing ports of Aberdeen.



Whilst You Decide

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| <b>SMOKEHOUSE NUTS</b>             | <b>5.50</b> |
| <b>BALMORAL BREAD &amp; BUTTER</b> | <b>4.50</b> |
| <b>MARINATED GORDAL OLIVES</b>     | <b>5.50</b> |

Small Plates & Light Lunches

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| <b>SOUP OF THE DAY</b> (V, VA, GF, DF)<br>Balmoral bread & butter                     | <b>7.5</b> |
| <b>CULLEN SKINK</b> (GF)<br>A Scottish tradition, served with Balmoral bread & butter | <b>10</b>  |

Open Sandwiches

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| Our sandwiches are made with white or brown bloomer, toasted or untoasted<br>Served with coleslaw, mixed leaves & crisps<br><b>ADD A MUG OF SOUP</b>                                 | <b>14</b><br><b>20</b> |
| <b>HONEY ROAST HAM AND MUSTARD</b> (GF, DF)<br><b>SMOKED SALMON AND CREAM CHEESE</b> (GF, DF)<br><b>MINUTE STEAK HORSERADISH MAYO</b> (GF, DF)<br><b>EGGS MAYONNAISE</b> (V, GF, DF) |                        |

Main Courses

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| <b>BEEF BURGER</b> (DF, VA)<br>Brioche bun, chunky chips, coleslaw, Monterey jack cheese                                 | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>BATTERED HADDOCK</b> (GF, DF)<br>With hand cut chips, garden peas & tartar Sauce                                      | <b>19.5</b> |
| <b>CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD</b> (VA, DF, GF)<br>Lettuce, croutons, anchovies, dressing                                       | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>MAC 'N' CHEESE</b> (V, GF)<br>Served with garlic bread & crispy salad<br><b>ADD BACON 2 / BLACK PUDDING, HAGGIS 3</b> | <b>18</b>   |

Coffees, Teas & Hot Drinks

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| <b>COFFEES</b><br>Americano, Cappuccino, Flat White, Latte, Mocha<br>Espresso, Macchiato<br>Scotch Coffee with Famous Grouse | <b>4.5</b><br><b>4</b><br><b>9</b> |
| <b>TEAS</b><br>Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Decaffeinated, Green, Peppermint, Lemon & Ginger and Red Berry                  | <b>4</b>                           |
| <b>HOT CHOCOLATE</b><br>Hot chocolate, whipped cream<br>Hot chocolate, Dark Matter Spiced Rum, whipped cream                 | <b>4.5</b><br><b>9</b>             |

Puddings

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| <b>STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING</b><br>Toffee sauce & vanilla ice cream | <b>9</b> |
| <b>HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE</b>                                       | <b>9</b> |

G - Gluten; GFA - Gluten Free Available; DF - Dairy Free; DFA - Dairy Free Available  
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.