



The Granary Court Cottage



The Stables Cottage



WEEKENDERS

Mains of Taymouth

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Never underestimate the power of a short break; a slice of we-time where you can recharge the batteries, and feel like you have had a holiday in just a couple of days. And so, with that in mind, we left the city for the picturesque landscape of Aberfeldy and ventured north to Mains of Taymouth country estate.

At little over an hour's drive from Edinburgh, Kenmore is the antithesis of a bustling city; a quaint village set on the banks of Loch Tay with pretty surroundings, good food, golf, hill walking and highland safari on its doorstep. For those who prefer the harder stuff, Dewar's World of Whisky distillery, is a short trip away, is an education for mind and palate, and well worth a visit.

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The luxurious accommodation at Mains of Taymouth comes in all shapes and sizes but it was the traditional 19th century Mains Cottages in the pretty courtyard that caught our attention. Catering for two up to 10 people, the four and five star properties can come with everything from pool tables to saunas and outdoor hot tubs. Inside our new home from home, furnishings are simple, cosy and comfortable and it makes for a warming environment where you can kick back and relax.

Self catering is the name of the game here and with well kitted out kitchens and barbecue areas in each garden you couldn't want for much more. Especially with the onsite delicatessen brimming with freshly baked bread, artisan produce and infused olive oils and vinegars to add some extra oomph to your culinary creations. Eating out is also

an option though at the estate's Courtyard restaurant and bar; a good spot to read the papers and play board games as well as dine out.

A bubble of tranquillity, Mains of Taymouth is a place to enjoy some quality time together. And whether that's with friends, family or a partner, a stay here is recommended. In fact we already plan to return and make a party of it in the Granary Court – the much lauded luxury five star cottage was once the owner's private pad and is now available to sleep eight. ©

Mains of Taymouth, Kenmore, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2HN, Tel: 01887 830226, www.taymouth.co.uk. A minimum stay of three nights is required, prices from £420 for a short stay in The Bothy (sleeps two).