

## Dunrobin Castle



### with Christine and Dorrie

We are Welcome Hosts for Invergordon Tourism Alliance, we meet and greet passengers from the cruise ships that arrive here in Invergordon, we decided to try a trip out and about as if we had just arrived at Invergordon on a cruise liner, and to visit Dunrobin Castle was our choice. We left Invergordon at 9.30am by taxi and travelled north to Dunrobin Castle which is one of Britain's oldest inhabited great houses, taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in this area. Nigel, our driver, stopped many times along the way so we could take photographs, the highlight was when we spotted the seals at Loch Fleet as we drove along the shore line. Arriving at Dunrobin Castle, please look for the railway station opposite the castle entrance off to your left, you will need to know this for getting the train back to Invergordon later.



(Dunrobin Castle Train Station)

We purchased our tickets and went outside to walk round the beautiful gardens before going to watch the falconry display.



Dorrie and I were both lucky enough to have a Barn Owl named plop for the obvious reasons, fly onto our gloved hands.



Andy the falconer tells you about the birds and you get very close to them as they fly around you. This is definitely worth seeing



We then went on to the museum, which used to be the ladies summer house, where you can see hunting trophies and other items from around the world gifted to the family on display. We ended our trip with a tour round the castle, the guides are in every room to answer any questions that you may have, and a light lunch in the fire engine room of the restaurant to end out day at Dunrobin. We left the castle just after 2pm and walked back up the tree lined drive to the railway station to get the train back to Invergordon.

The train left at 2.40

(Please check timetable)

The train journey takes a spectacular route through some of the best scenery the Highlands has to offer, we arrived back in Invergordon at 4pm, plenty of time to admire the historical mural trail that starts at the station and continues all through our High Street.

The taxi price at the time we went was £45 (2008)

Entry to the castle is £9.50 per adult and £5.50 per child and a family ticket is also available at £26. (2012) concessions are available for seniors and students. We thought it was excellent value for money and all the staff very friendly and helpful. A single ticket on the train was £12.70p (2008)

Dunrobin is approximately 35miles North from Invergordon.

If you want to know more about Dunrobin.

Just ask when you see us all in Blue at the Information Shelter

We do advise you to pre book your train ticket before you arrive in Invergordon online with Scotrail (Please contact us if you require a postal delivery address for your tickets if you are outside the UK)

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