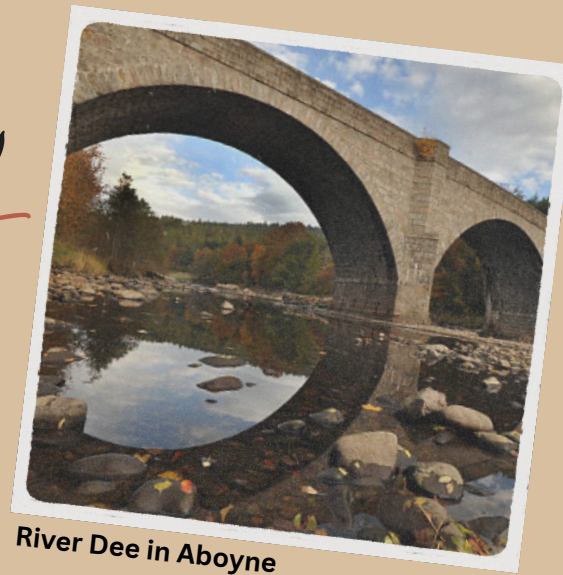


1st-5th April 2027

Royal Deeside Scottish Ukulele Retreat



Craigievar Castle



River Dee in Aboyne

A Highland Ukulele Retreat

Join a maximum of 12 ukulele retreaters and immerse yourself in the beauty of Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland with a four-night ukulele retreat designed for relaxation, learning, and cultural discovery. A chance to make music, make friends, and to make memories in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

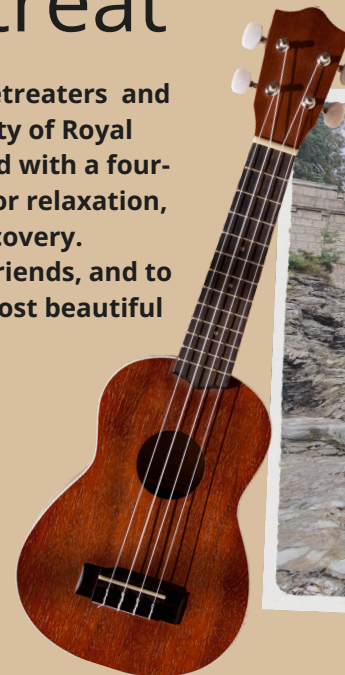
Music Tuition

Across the retreat you'll receive group and 1:2:1 ukulele tuition by internationally renowned Tutor Christopher Davis Shannon.

Your hosts will be Ukulele Project founder Tara Maysey and Justilele from South East Ukulele Project who will also both be teaching and cheerleading!

There will be a tutor concert, a student concert, a pub jam, Open Mic and outdoor Picnic Jams (weather permitting)

If the weather is not on side we have a cosy living room with stunning views and a wood burning stove



Linn of Dee

Hills & Glens

Discover the local heritage with guided visits to The Linn of Dee, Braemar, Ballater, Burn O'Vat and Glen Muick.

Weather permitting we will find a picnic spot and a place to play our ukuleles whilst taking in the stunning views. We will provide rugs and picnic chairs.

There will be walks to our picnic spots but nothing too strenuous. For anyone wanting to cycle the Deeside way or climb a munro whilst you are here we can organise it!



Loch Kinord



Distillery

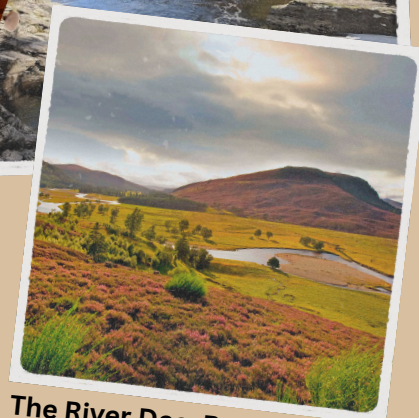
Food & Hospitality

On Thursday evening we will have a buffet dinner, welcome drinks and a ukulele jam/sing around.

For lunches we will provide a picnic. Cups of tea and coffee during Workshops. The evening meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be catered by a professional chef.

On Sunday night we are encouraging you to dress up in your finest for a dinner party. Bonus points to anyone wearing tartan!

Airport pick-up and drop-off from Aberdeen International Airport, or Aberdeen train Station is also included.



The River Dee, Braemar



Distillery & Castle Tour

We will be visiting Lochnagar Whisky Distillery. We will be take on a guided tour of this small, unique distillery to discover its traditional ways of working and its smooth, grassy character.

Your host will then guide you through a tutored nosing and tasting of 2 of their specially selected Royal Lochnagar single malts.

We will be visiting Cragievar Castle. the beautiful pink castle said to be the inspiration for Walt Disney's Cinderella Castle.

Accommodation

Guests will be staying at a beautifully **converted steading** called The Hideaway.

It is in Lumphanan, 15 minutes from Tara's family so somewhere she is excited to show you as it is so beautiful! The house is surrounded by stunning countryside views with lots of open space. It is remote, making it peaceful and ensuring that we don't disturb any neighbours with our ukulele strumming and singing! We will ensure that you have opportunity to pop to the shops should you need to.

There are **5 bedrooms** in total with two adjoining rooms so we will list this as a shared dorm for 3-6 people. It also includes a sofa area and a TV with a shared bathroom downstairs. Please email Tara at londonukuleleproject@gmail.com for any questions.

2 Bedrooms have a King size bed
1 Bedroom is a Queen size
1 Bedroom is Double,
1 shared dorm - Sleeps 5-6 with shared bathroom downstairs
1 King, 2 doubles, 1 floor mattress and a sofa bed if needed



Shared dorm room



Food & Drink

Inclusive in the price is food and drink for the whole weekend. Catered to any dietary requirements.

Breakfast: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Thursday night: as people may be arriving at different times, we will be have a buffet style dinner for you to help yourself whenever you are hungry

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Lunch: we will provide a generous picnic lunch that you can build yourself or have us make for you

Friday, Saturday dinner: will be prepared by professional caterers with Saturday being two courses

Sunday dinner: we are having a dinner party with 3 courses prepared by a Private Chef and served by a Maitre D'. We encourage you to dress up with top marks for anyone showing a flash of tartan!

There will be unlimited cups of **tea and coffee** and a selection of **soft drinks** available.

Alcohol is NOT included Friday and Saturday but if you would like to BYOB you are most welcome. There will be opportunities to go shopping. Sunday will include wine with dinner.

Please inform us of any allergies/food dislikes when booking so we can ensure the relevant processes are implemented to support you. We strive to create a safe environment for all our guests. However, we will be unable to 100% guarantee an allergen free kitchen and food preparation environment or accidental cross contamination. We will not be liable for any allergic reactions that may occur during the retreat.



Fresh, local produce

Provisional Timetable

Thursday

- **Pick up from Aberdeen Airport/Station** - 50 mins drive to the Retreat at The Hideaway
- **Settle into your rooms**
- **Welcome drinks**, introductions, a buffet style dinner

Friday

- **Breakfast**
- **Morning Workshop** - small group workshop
- **Picnic Building** - build your own picnic from a selection of delicious food
- **Depart for the Linn of Dee** - take in the stunning scenery on this 50 minute drive
- **Picnic and outdoor Jam** - weather permitting we will sit by the river for our picnic and a strum
- **Breamar** - we will have a pit stop on our way back to Aboyne
- Return to Aboyne for some **free time**
- **Dinner** - hot evening sit down meal
- **Tutor Concert** - entertainment and inspiration from your tutors

Saturday

- **Breakfast**
- **Morning Workshop** - small group workshop
- **1-2-1 sessions** - opportunity for 1-2-1 support
- **Picnic Building**
- **Depart for Cragievar Castle** - 10 minute drive
- **Picnic and outdoor Jam** - weather permitting we will sit in the castle grounds for our picnic and a strum
- **Distillery Tour** at Lochnagar Distillery
- **Afternoon Workshop** - back at the Hideaway
- **Free time**
- **Dinner** - a hot sit down meal
- **An Evening Jam** - enjoy a singaround: informal, unplugged song circle



Glen Muick

Sunday

- **Breakfast**
- **Morning Workshop** - small group workshop
- **1-2-1 sessions**
- **Picnic Building**
- **Depart for Glen Muick** - 40 minute drive
- **Burn O'Vat** - we will stop off on the way - 20 minute drive
- **Picnic and outdoor Jam** - weather permitting, we will sit on the heather for our picnic and a strum
- **Ballater** - great for souvenir shopping and ice cream
- **Afternoon Workshop** - back at the Hideaway
- **free time**
- **Dinner Party**
- **Student Concert** - A relaxed student concert, time for you to shine!

Monday

- **Checkout 10am**
 - **Drop off at Aberdeen Airport/station**
- Hopefully time/weather for one last strum in the Scottish Sunshine before we go!
Or a game of golf!

Pricings - 4 nights, 3 days

Max **12 places** available

£1200 per person

£480 for accompanying partners/non ukulele playing persons

+ Accommodation option below:

Bedroom 1 - King Size £695

ensuite bath and shower with doors out to the patio

Bedroom 2 - King Size £660

ensuite shower room downstairs

Bedrooms 3 - Queen Size bed £600

ensuite shower

Bedroom 4 - Double bed £520

shared bathroom

Bedroom 5 £260 per bed

Includes 1 King size bed, 2 Doubles, a sofa area and TV. Shared bathroom downstairs.

**£80 deposit to
secure your
place today**



What is included?

- **Accommodation** - in a remote, beautiful converted steading
- **Ukulele Tuition** - Small group and 1-2-1 tuition
- **Performance Opportunities** - Open Mic and student concert
- **Live Music** - Tutor Concert
- **Outdoor Picnic Jams** - or cosy fireside if raining!
- **Guided Trips in a Ukulele Minibus** - Craigievar Castle, The Linn of Dee, Braemar, Ballater, Glenn Muick and Aboyne
- **Picnics** - Fresh, local produce laid out for you to build your own picnic or we can make one for you
- **Drinks** - Tea and Coffee at the workshops. Non-alcoholic drinks.
- **3 Hot Evening Meals, 1 buffet meal** - catered to any dietary requirements
- **Distillery Tour** - includes a tour and tasting
- **A loaned ukulele** - If you are unable to travel with a ukulele we can loan you one
- **Transport** - to and from on the tours
- **Airport pick up and drop off** - Thursday and Monday only
- **Zoom & WhatsApp** - we will meet a couple of times via Zoom to answer any questions and a WhatsApp group will be set up to stay in touch after, should you wish to.
- **Recording** - Audio and visual. As part of the retreat we will be looking at how to record performances and will provide you with a short showreel of your performance at the student concert

What is NOT Included?

- **Flights/Trains/Fuel to and from Aberdeen**
- **Travel Insurance**
- **Alcoholic drinks** - please feel free to BYOB to the evening dinners. We will be doing regular trips to the shops. Sunday wine is included
- **Additional outings** - outings beyond what we have planned
- **Personal expenses** - extra snacks, souvenirs, tea and coffee when we are away from The Hideaway

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