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Do join us for a dram  
at ...



... The Dornoch  
Whisky Festival

26<sup>TH</sup>–29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

# DORNOCH WHISKY FESTIVAL

## THE FESTIVAL

The Dornoch Whisky Festival is now in it's fourth year and we can't quite believe the support we have received from everyone who attended our event last year. We are delighted to be able to bring you what we think is the best event yet.

Last year we welcomed over 200 people to the Grand Tasting, we had exhibitors from all over the country who specialise in whisky, gin and non alcoholic goodies and we had a great time! This year, we are welcoming back some wonderful friends to the Grand Tasting and adding a few new friendly faces to the Dornoch Whisky Festival family.

This year we are delighted to welcome two VIPs from Distell International! Derek Scott, the Global Manager for Distell International's Malts Portfolio will be hosting our wonderful VIP Gala Dinner & Distilleries Manager, Stephen Woodcock will be present at our annual Grand Tasting & hosting his VIP Masterclass. We can't wait to welcome them.

So do join us for a dram this autumn.

Tickets to the events can be booked online at:  
[www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com](http://www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com)



**Dornoch**  
You can do it all from here

**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Whisky & Chocolate Tasting: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars**

Join the Carnegie Whisky Cellars as they take you through the wonderful pairings of whisky and chocolate. A specially selected set of chocolates and whiskies will delight your senses as you find the perfect combinations.

When: 1pm

Price: £25

Places available: 12

**An Afternoon with Adelphi: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars**

Join two of Adelphi's finest as they take you through this wonderful tasting. Starting with a welcome drink on arrival and then moving on to a specially selected set of five single malts for you to experience.

When: 4pm

Price: £50

Places available: 12

**Blind Whisky & Gin Tasting: Royal Dornoch Golf Club**

Sample three gins and three whiskies and try and identify which ones they are. Tasting notes of 9 gins and 9 whiskies will be supplied and you just have to pick the one you think matches. A selection of light nibbles and canapés shall be served to accompany the tasting.

When: 5:30pm

Price: £25

Tickets available: 24

THE CARNEGIE  
WHISKY CELLARS

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HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT  
SCOTCH WHISKY

## FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### VIP Gala Dinner: Links House at Royal Dornoch

Join our VIP Derek Scott of Distell International for an expertly paired dinner created especially for this event. The evening begins with a welcome drink on arrival in the Glenshiel Drawing Room, followed by a traditional piper to pipe you into the dining room where a specially prepared meal by Head Chef, Javier Santos has been paired with the perfect complimentary whiskies for the evening.

When: 6:30pm

Price: £95

Places available: 28

### Scotch Malt Whisky Society Paired Dinner: Dornoch Castle Hotel

Enjoy a 4-course whisky inspired menu paired with SMWS (Scotch Malt Whisky Society) whiskies at the Dornoch Castle Hotel. For 6 years running, the Dornoch Castle Hotel has held an AA Rosette Status and is well known for its whisky bar & friendly staff.

When: From 7:30pm

Price: £50

Booking time required

### Gin Tasting: Eagle Hotel

Spend an evening at the Eagle tasting a range of fine gins with variety of garnishes & mixers. This tasting allows you to choose four gins and four mixers.

When: 8pm

Price: £14

Places available: 50

### Live Music: Eagle Hotel

Join us at the Eagle Hotel for a night of live music by local musicians! Complete with friendly staff, a large selection of drink choices and a great atmosphere..

When: 9:30pm

Free Entry



## SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### Delicious Desserts Tasting: Royal Dornoch Golf Club

We are delighted to welcome back last years popular Douglas Laing tasting which will expertly pair fantastic Old Particular single grain whiskies with sweet treats in this delicious tasting.

When: 11am

Price: £10

Places available: 32

### Dornoch Whisky Festival Grand Tasting: Dornoch Castle Hotel

Our wonderful Grand Tasting returns with a fantastic mix of old friends and new faces. We have a range of distilleries, independent bottlers and gins, beers and non alcoholic goodies. This year we are delighted to be sharing the event with the following:

AD Rattray, Adelphi Distillery Co, Alder Elixir, Benromach, Ben Nevis Distillery, Distell International, Dornoch Distillery, Douglas Laing, Elixir Distillers, Glen Wyvis, Hunter Laing, Ice & Fire Distillery, Morrison & Mackay, Red Door Gin, Scottish Malt Whisky Society, The Carnegie Whisky Cellars & Wolfburn Distillery.

When: 1pm

Price: £25

### VIP Masterclass: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars

Join our VIP Stephen Woodcock of Distell International for an expert masterclass featuring bottlings selected especially for this event. Stephen has a vast knowledge of the whisky industry and production and puts it into practice as the Distilleries Manager for Distell International—the parent company for Bunnahabhain, Tobermory & Deanston.

When: 4pm

Price: £75

Places available: 12

See website for more details & announcements.



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## SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### **Cheese & Wine Tasting: Dornoch Stores**

Come along and taste five wonderful and interesting wines expertly paired with five different cheeses. A really fun evening, with plenty of wine, spot prizes and special offers on the night.

When: 6pm

Price: £15

Places available: 25

### **Whisky Tasting with Special Guest Followed by Four-Course Dinner: Links House at Royal Dornoch**

Spend the evening with a very special guest who has an exclusively prepared whisky tasting in store for the evening. Afterwards, enjoy fantastic four-course dining prepared by Head Chef, Javier Santos

When: 7pm

Price: £70

Places available: 28

### **Quiz Night: Royal Dornoch Golf Club**

Join in the fun at the Royal Dornoch Golf Club for a quiz night. Just £1 per person to enter the quiz and teams can be any number of people!

When: 7:30pm

Price: £1

Entry on the door

### **Traditional Ceilidh at the Castle: Dornoch Castle Hotel**

After a fun packed day of whisky tasting, what better way to end it than with a traditional ceilidh that will have you dancing all night? The band is provided by our good friends at Sutherland Sessions and will be announced closer to the time.

The winners of this year's Raffle Draw will be announced at the event.

When: 8:30 pm

Price: £10



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SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

## David Urquhart Memorial Trophy: Royal Dornoch Golf Club

Entrants will play a stableford round on the Championship Course with the highest points total receiving the trophy, donated by the Carnegie Whisky Cellars, in this annual event in memory of David Urquhart.

When: From 10am      Entry: £65 for non-members  
£43 for Struie members  
£22 for Full members

Places available: 56

*Sold out, please contact us to be put on the waitlist*

## Whisky Cocktail Tasting: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars

Join Lorna for her hugely sought-after whisky cocktail tasting where the classics get a makeover

When: 12pm      Price: £25  
Places available: 12

## Dornoch Whisky Festival Community Market: Dornoch Castle Hotel

Come down to the Dornoch Whisky Festival Community Market to browse and buy some great goodies from local suppliers!

When: 11am–3pm      Free entry

## Sunday Lunch with Special Cookery Demonstration: Links House at Royal Dornoch

Join us for a cookery demo with our Head Chef, Javier Santos, complementary Red Door Gin & tonic welcome drink to be followed by a two course lunch.

From 12pm      Price: £35  
Places available: 28



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- ORKNEY GIN -

## SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### Thompson Bros Rare Bottle Tasting: Dornoch Castle Hotel

Join the Thompson Bros, Phil & Simon Thompson, whilst they guide you in a tasting of old, rare and vintage whiskies and have a little fun with it, this year they're shaking it up with some quizzes so make sure to keep that whisky knowledge sharp.

When: 2pm

Price: £60

Places available: 30

### Tasting of Local Malts: Eagle Hotel

Join us for this event that gives you a taste of the local malts without leaving the town. A special selection of rarer and unusual malts from local distilleries awaits you at this tasting.

When: 3pm

Price: £20

Places available: 25

### Blind Whisky Tasting: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars

Join Andrew from the Carnegie Whisky Cellars for a blind whisky tasting that will test your skills.

When: 3pm

Price: £10

Places available: 12

### Independent Bottling Masterclass: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars

Join the General Manager of The Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Michael Hanratty for this exclusive whisky masterclass.

When: 7pm

Price: £60

Places available: 16





## MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### Speyside Comparison: The Carnegie Whisky Cellars

Join General Manager, Michael Hanratty for a new Speyside comparison whisky tasting.

When: 3pm

Price: £35

Places available: 12

Dornoch doesn't have just whisky to offer you know? Below is a list of just some of the great offerings available over the weekend.

### Candle Making with a Twist

Join the Coast Candle Co. for an afternoon of candle making where you can experiment with making your own whisky scented candle.

**Where:** Coast Candle Co, Dornoch

**Drop in sessions:** Friday & Monday: 10:30am -3:30pm

**Contact:** 01862 811 833.

Price: £20

### Aspen Spa Treatments

Aspen Spa will be offering special spa treatments all weekend in collaboration with the Dornoch Whisky Festival so make sure to get your treatments booked

**Where:** Aspen Spa, The Carnegie Courthouse

**Available if booked in advance:**

Monday–Wednesday: 9:30am - 5:30pm

Thursday & Friday: : 9:30am - 6:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 5pm

### Young Highland Chef of the Year competition

Watch a live TV stream of the competition at Burghfield House, Dornoch. Enjoy cookery demonstrations from top TV chefs, sample and purchase local food. Open 10am-3pm, free entry.

### Independent Shopping Experience

**Where:** All over Dornoch

**When:** Various opening hours, see

[www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com](http://www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com) for information



## ACTIVITIES IN DORNOCH

### Historylinks Whisky Exhibition

Find out all about the whisky in Sutherland including the illicit stills. Entry £4.

**Where:** Historylinks Museum, Dornoch

**Open:** All weekend: 10am to 4pm

**Contact:** 01862 811 275

### Don't forget that you're on the Highland Whisky Trail with the following distilleries all within range:

#### Dornoch Distillery - Dornoch

Not open to the public but will be available to speak to at the Grand Whisky Tasting event on Saturday.

For more information, contact: 01862 810 216

#### GlenWyvis - Dingwall

Not open to the public just yet but will be available to speak to at the Grand Whisky Tasting event on Saturday.

For more information, contact: 01349 862005

#### Wolfburn - Thurso

For more information, contact: 01847 891 051.

#### Balblair - Edderton

For more information, contact: 01862 821273

#### Clynelish - Brora

For more information, contact: 01408 623000

#### Dunnet Bay- Dunnet

For more information, contact: 01847 851 287

#### Glenmorangie - A9 - Tain

For more information, contact: 01862 892 477

#### Glen Ord - Muir of Ord

For more information, contact: 01463 872004

#### Old Pulteney - Wick

For more information, contact: 01955 602371

#### The Dalmore - Alness

For more information, contact: 01349 882 362

