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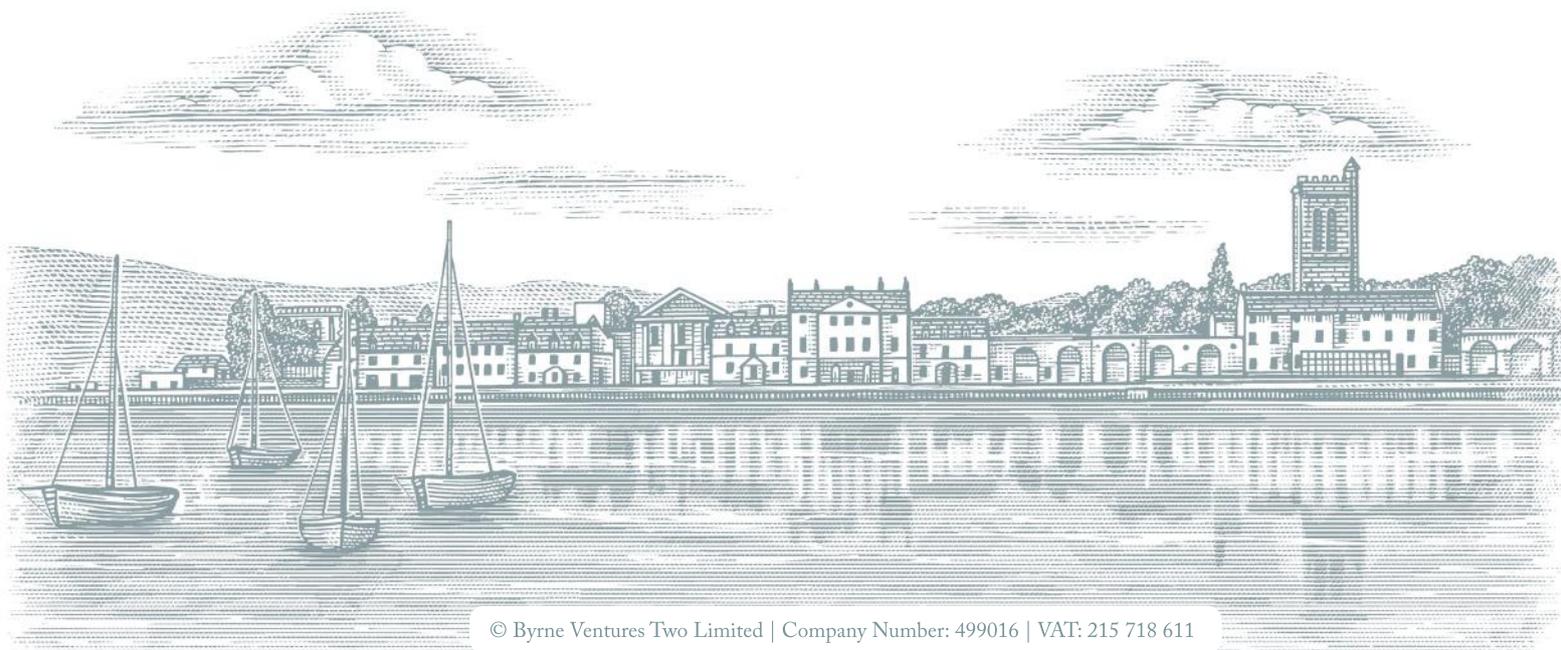
Dear Guest,

On behalf of my entire team I would like to extend a very warm welcome to The Inveraray Inn. We hope that you have a pleasant stay with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact either me or a member of my team if there is anything that we can do to make your visit more comfortable.

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Guest Directory



Change of Ownership & Revival of a Famous Name

The hotel was purchased by the Byrne family in the summer of 2015, returning the business to local ownership for the first time in many years. Opened in 1755 to national acclaim, the hotel was known as “The Inveraray Inn”. Our first act as new owners was to reinstate the original name.

Our family has a long history in the hotel trade, is local to Argyll and also owns the nearby Best Western hotel in Crianlarich and the beautiful Ivy House, our Front Street neighbour (ask at Reception for booking details). Since purchasing the hotel, we have invested more than £1 million in a full and sympathetic refurbishment of this iconic and historic building. We hope that you are as pleased with the “new” hotel as we are. Please enjoy your stay.

A Brief History of Inveraray

Inveraray, at the head of Loch Fyne, owes its prominence to the rebuilding of Inveraray Castle, seat of the Duke of Argyll, in the 18th century. The town’s history, however, goes back much further, since it was made a Royal Burgh in 1638 by Charles I. The Argyll family, who hold the chieftainship of the Clan Campbell, have been important players in Scottish history, with a happy knack of usually picking the winning side during centuries of bloody inter-clan feuding and bitter political in-fighting. The Campbells’ contentious massacre at Glencoe of their rival MacDonalds in 1692 is long remembered, but their positive role in shaping modern Scotland cannot be overstated.

In 1744 the third Duke of Argyll decided to demolish the existing castle and start from scratch with a new building. The castle was 40 years in construction, and the work was largely supervised by the Adam family, renowned to this day as gifted architects and designers. The end product was not a castle in the traditional sense, but a classic Georgian mansion house on a grand scale. Over the years the castle has played host to numerous luminaries; Queen Victoria visited it in 1847, and the Royal connection was further cemented when her daughter, Princess Louise, married the heir to the Campbell chieftainship, the Marquis of Lorne, in 1875, illustrating the elevated position of the Argyll family in the social pecking order of the times.



A Brief History of Inveraray (Continued)

The town prior to the reconstruction of the castle was little more than a collection of humble cottages, but as early as 1747 William Adam had drawn up plans for the creation of a new Inveraray. By 1770, however, little had been done, and it was the fifth Duke who set about rebuilding the town in its present form. At that time Inveraray was so isolated that the nearest road fit for a carriage was forty miles away. This was to change, however, for military rather than social reasons. Following the rebellion of 1745-6, it had become obvious that to control the clans, it was vital that troops should be able to move quickly throughout the Highlands. General Wade was sent north to undertake the task, and set about creating a network of roads and bridges which would ensure that troops could be rushed from strategic bases in Fort William, Fort Augustus or Fort George to tackle any insurrection. As a result, the approach to Inveraray along Loch Fyne on the A83 actually follows one of Wade's old military roads; Aray Bridge, just below the castle, dates back to 1775.

The architecture of the town was largely the work of two men: this hotel and the neighbouring Town House are by John Adam while most of the rest of the "new" Inveraray was the creation of Robert Mylne, a celebrated architect of the period. The end product was an attractive town which included houses for estate workers, a woolen mill, and a pier to exploit herring fishing, an industry which was to mushroom in later years to play a major role in the town's economy. The finished product is one of the best examples of an 18th century new town in Scotland, and the vast majority of the properties in the centre of Inveraray are considered worthy of protection because of the town's architectural significance.

The celebrated essayist Doctor Johnson, himself no fan of Scotland, was moved to comment on the new Inveraray: "What I admire here is the total defiance of expense". Inveraray today is much more accessible, both by land and by sea, for like many towns on the Clyde it was a popular destination for passengers after the coming of the steamship. Although regular shipping services have long since ceased, rendered extinct by the coming of the motor car, the paddle steamer Waverley still makes occasional calls.

Guest Information

If you'd like more detailed information, please visit or call Reception.



Guest Information

Alarm Calls

If you would like a Wake Up Call, please contact Reception who will be happy to arrange this for you. Alarm clocks are also provided in each room for your use.

Banking

We regret that we are unable to cash cheques or exchange foreign currency. Royal Bank of Scotland has a branch in Inveraray with ATM and exchange facilities.

Bar Meals and Snacks

Bar Meals and snacks are available from 12.00 noon until 9.00pm.

Breakfast

A Full Scottish or Continental Breakfast is served in the Dining Room

*from 7.30am until 9.30am Monday – Saturday
and 8.00am until 10.00am on Sunday*

Central Heating

Your heating may be manually controlled. Please contact Reception should you experience any problems in this regard.

Check Out

Guests are asked to vacate their rooms by 11.00am on the morning of departure.

Late check-out may be available on request, and will incur a charge. Please ask at Reception for details.



Chemist

The Apothecary is situated on the Main Street, beside Sweet Memories.

Open 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

Church Services

Church of Scotland – 11.15am every Sunday.

Scottish Episcopalian & Catholic Church – 12.30pm every Sunday.

Conference Facilities

Our Campbell Room and Stables conference rooms can cater for up to 100 persons. Please ask at Reception for further details.

Dietary Requirements

Please advise at Reception if you have any special dietary requirements.

Dinner

Our Table D'Hote Menu features the finest local and national produce and is served between 6:30pm and 9.00pm. Please reserve your table at Reception.

Doctor

A General Practitioner is based at Church Square. Telephone: 01499 302257

Electricity

The electrical current is 240 volts. Adaptors are available for overseas guests at Reception.

Facsimile Service

Our Reception Team will be happy to fax documents for guests during their stay.

Faxes can be sent and received between 7.00am and 11.00pm.

The costs per fax is 50p per page for UK and Northern Ireland, and £1.00 per page for International faxes.



Fire Precautions

Please read the Fire Instructions Notice located in your bedroom and familiarise yourself with the appropriate escape route.

In the event of the fire alarm ringing: please evacuate the building immediately and assemble at the front car park.

Hairdryers

Hairdryers are provided for your use in each bedroom.

Housekeeping

If you require extra linen, pillows or towels, please contact Reception.

Please be aware that the fan in the bathroom comes on when the bathroom light is switched on, and may run for up to 8 minutes after the light is switched off.

In some of our bedrooms, the switch for the shower is located just outside the bathroom door.

Internet Access

Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the hotel. No password is required.

Ironing Facilities

Please ask at Reception should you require an iron and ironing board.

Late Night Entry

The Front Door of the hotel is locked at approximately 11.00pm each evening and is controlled by an electro-magnetic security device. If you wish to come in after this time, please advise Reception who will supply a Digital Entry Code to allow you access to the hotel. Please ensure that you take your room key with you, and ensure that the entrance door is firmly closed behind you after gaining entry.

Lunch & Light Meals

Bar Meals are available in our Lounge Bar from 12.00 noon until 9.00pm.



Mail

A member of the Reception Team will be happy to post your stamped letters or postcards.

Newspapers

Newspapers are available in several nearby shops, including at the Londis garage situated to the rear of the hotel.

Night Emergency

To contact the Duty Manager during the night please dial "0". A Night Porter is on duty from 11.00pm to 7.00am.

Payment of Account

Guests are required to settle accounts in full on departure unless prior arrangements have been made. We are happy to accept payment in cash, cheque (with appropriate supporting cheque guarantee card), or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Switch, Solo, Electron, Delta or American Express).

Phone Calls

A Direct Dial telephone is provided in each bedroom.

- To call Reception please dial "0".
- To make a call to another room, dial the room number.
- To make an outside call, Dial "9", wait for the dialling tone, and then dial the number you require.

All calls made are charged to your Room Bill.

A typical 2 minute local call costs approximately 25p.

A typical 2 minute international call costs approximately £1.70.

Reception

Reception is staffed from 7.00am to 11.00pm.

To contact Reception, please dial "0" on your room telephone.



Smoking

Please be aware that this is a non-smoking hotel, and smoking is not permitted in the hotel bedrooms in any public areas.

Tea and Coffee Making Facilities

Tea and coffee making facilities are provided in each bedroom.

Should you require any additional supplies, please contact Reception.

Tea and Scones

Freshly Baked Scones, preserves & whipped cream are served with tea or coffee from 10.00am to 12.00noon and 3:00pm – 6:00pm each day in our Lounge Bar and Conservatories.

Valuables

We are happy to place valuables in the hotel safe for your security and peace of mind. Please ask at Reception.

Whilst every effort will be made on your behalf, the hotel is not responsible for the loss of, or any damage to, any articles of value (whether passed to us for safe keeping or otherwise).

WiFi

Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the hotel. No password is required.

Local Attractions

If you'd like more information on any of the attractions listed, please visit or call Reception.



Local Attractions



Inveraray Castle

Home to their Graces The Duke & Duchess of Argyll. Open April through to October. 10.00am until 4.00pm ~ Closed Fridays.



Inveraray Jail

Best Attraction of the Decade Oscar Winner Scotland's 19th Century Living Prison. Open Every Day from 9.30am until 5.00pm.



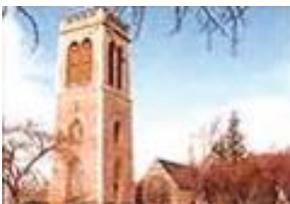
Auchindrain Township

Scotland's only surviving original farm township. A glimpse of Western Highland life from the past.



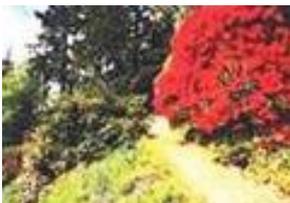
Kilmartin House Museum

Kilmartin House Museum is an award-winning world-class centre for archaeology and landscape interpretation. At this unique and vibrant centre you can see 'The Valley of Ghosts' audio-visual: a time traveling experience with breathtaking imagery and haunting music.



The Bell Tower

The tower was built by the Duke of Argyll as a memorial to all sons of the Campbell Clan who fell in WWI. Its famous bells are the second heaviest in the world. The tower is open to the public.



Crarae Gardens & Forest Walks

Covering an area of almost 50 acres the gardens support rare plants, exotic shrubs, and a superb collection of trees. Located 7 miles south of Inveraray at Minard. Open all day.



Ardkinglas Woodland Gardens

The gardens contain one of the finest collections of conifers in the British Isles, including “The Mightiest Conifer in Europe” dating back to around 1790. Located 7 miles east of Inveraray at Cairndow. Open every day.



Inveraray Golf Course

Beautiful but challenging nine hole course on the outskirts of Inveraray, this par 70 course stretches over 5,598 yards and was opened in 1993 by the late 12th Duke of Argyll. It is a testing course with spectacular views of Loch Fyne and the surrounding countryside.



The Dive Centre

The Dive Centre is situated near the jetty on the Argyll Caravan Park, Inveraray.



Argyll Riding & Activities

Dalchenna Farm Inveraray Horse Riding and Mountain Bike routes through forest, mountain, glen and by the sea. Picnic and pub rides. Archery and other activities.



Cruachan-The Hollow Mountain

Situated amongst some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery, lying deep within Ben Cruachan is one of the country's most amazing engineering achievements.



The Scottish Sea Life Sanctuary

Nestling amidst the pine trees on the shores of picturesque Loch Creran, the Centre combines a spectacular aquarium with a busy rescue and rehabilitation facility for both common and grey seal pups.



Other Ideas

The Campbeltown Road

- Furnace
- Lochgilphead
- The Crinan Canal
- The Mull of Kintyre
- Campbeltown

The Oban / Fort William Road

- Loch Awe
- Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe
- The Inverawe Smokehouse, Taynuilt
- Oban
- Glencoe
- Rannoch Moor
- Fort William
- Ben Nevis

The Glasgow Road

- Loch Fyne Oysters, Clachan
- Benmore Botanic Garden, Dunoon
- Cruises Loch Lomond, Tarbet

Please ask at Reception if you need further information about any of these local attractions.