

The Gearach

Booking Terms and Conditions

Please read, sign and date this form and return it to the Gearach along with your deposit.

1. A booking will be provisionally reserved in your name once dates have been agreed by telephone, fax, or e-mail between both parties.
2. To confirm and secure your reserved dates, 50% of the total fee, together with a signed copy of the booking terms and conditions should be submitted within 7 days.
3. Do not book any hotel or travel arrangements before we notify you that we have received, therefore confirmed, your 50% deposit. We observe a 'first come first served' basis and your agreed dates are only guaranteed once you have received confirmation from ourselves.
4. When a booking is made less than 12 weeks prior to the commencement of the intended visit the total fee will be due within 7 days of the reservation being made.
5. The Gearach reserves the right to cancel your week, without reason, at any time without notice.
6. Payments may be made by any of the following:-

- a. Transfer funds should be sent to the following account:

Bank: Barclays Bank PLC

Bank Address: Alston Branch, Northumberland, NE6 1PE

Account Name: The Gearach

Account Number: 60428116

Sort Code: 20-40-09

Iban Number: GB85 BARC 2040 0960 4281 16

Swift Number: BARCGB22

- b. By UK pounds sterling cheque - payable to The Gearach
- c. By banker's draft in UK pounds sterling payable to The Gearach

Any bank charges arising from the transfer of funds will be payable by you.

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Cancellation and Conditions

1. In the event of a cancellation, if a booking can be re-let, refunds less an admin fee will be made. There is no guarantee or implication that re-letting will or can take place.
2. We reserve the right to book additional guns to join your team, up to a maximum of 10 guns per week.
3. We recommend and all Clients/Guns agree to insure against the cancellation of their sporting break on their part or due to temporary or permanent suspension of shooting or due to a shooting ban for any reason by DEFRA, SNH or any other Government Agency or body or any other external Agency or body for any reason, at any time without notice.
4. All sportsmen must have third party insurance against sporting accidents and third party liabilities. Details will be requested before arrival.
5. All instructions and decisions given by stalkers and keepers is final. Failure to comply with such instructions or decisions may result in the cancellation of the rest of the booking for an individual or the whole team without notice. In the event of cancellation under the terms of this clause, there will be no right to a refund or compensation.
6. All sportsmen will be required to hold appropriate licences and certificates for the legal use of sporting weapons and the taking and shooting of game. For overseas visitors, application forms can be provided on request. You should carry these on your person during your visit and produce them if requested to do so.
7. You accept it is your responsibility to arrive in good time on Islay for your sporting break. You agree and accept "The Gearach" is not liable for any cost whatsoever resulting in the cancellation or interruption of your sporting break due to your travel arrangements being interrupted for any reason.
8. You accept refunds or compensation will not be given, in the event, either before or during your sporting break, the shooting of game or deer is either temporarily or permanently suspended or banned for any reason by DEFRA, SNH or any other Government Agency or Body or any other external Body or Agency for any reason, at any time with or without notice.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED

The price of your week includes:

DEER STALKING

Stalking is normally let by the week (3 shooting days) with two outings per day, one at dawn and one at dusk.

- Transport to and from hunting areas
- Field preparation and skinning of all trophies
- Services of a professional stalker/hunter

WOODCOCK SHOOTING

Shooting is normally let by the week (2 evening flights and 3 shooting days).

- Transport to and from hunting areas
- Services of a guide, beaters and dogs

WALKED-UP SHOOTING

- Transport to and from hunting areas
- Service of a guide and dog(s)

The price of your week does not include:

- Your accommodation
- Lunch during shooting (your hotel will provide you with a packed lunch)
- Trophy fees (deer stalking) also on animals shot, wounded and lost
- Further preparation of trophies
- Carriage to Taxidermist
- Trophy packing, freight agents charges, and trophy shipping
- Ammunition and loan of firearms
- Visitor's firearms permit
- The carcass (deerstalking)
- All birds shot
- Transportation costs to and from Islay
- Transfer cost to and from Islay Airport and Islay Ferry Terminals. A charge of £25.00 per vehicle will be charged each way.
- Additional flighting

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TROPHIES (DEERSTALKING)

Trophies cover all bucks and stags up to medal class. Medal class bucks and stags are as follows: Bronze Medal - Silver Medal - Gold Medal and will be identified as closely as possible prior to taking the animal.

SIZE OF BAG (WOODCOCK)

Woodcock are wild birds and are considered by many the most testing of sporting gamebirds. The size of the bag will be determined by the skill of the team and the weather conditions, which may affect the bag. No guarantee is therefore made as to the number of woodcock you may see or shoot due to the nature of wild bird shooting. We reserve the right to place a limit on the number of birds shot in any one day.

OVERSEAS VISITORS FIREARMS PERMITS

Please ensure you apply for a visitors Shotgun or Firearms Permit as soon as possible for any guns you intend to bring into the country.

Please contact Strathclyde Police direct.

Strathclyde Police Firearms Licensing
173 Pitt Street
Glasgow
Scotland
G2 4JS

Telephone: 01415-322000.

Please ensure that you carry this permit with you along with adequate insurance cover for personal accident, public and third party liability and any eventualities connected with hunting and shooting.

WEAPONS, AMMUNITION & HEALTH & SAFETY

Cartridges can be supplied on request to suit 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotguns with 2.1/2 inch chamber or greater in various shot sizes. We DO NOT allow plastic wad. Please ensure felt/fibre wad. In addition we only allow double barrel shot guns. We do not allow semi automatic weapons.

We do not allow the use of mobile phones during shooting as we consider this to be a Health & Safety issue. Likewise we do not allow Smoking anywhere in the Forestry as it is a Fire Hazard.

Mark & Eleanor Pipers decision is final.

Protecting Waterfowl from Lead in Wetlands - From the 31st March 2005, all bird shooting sportsman are prohibited from shooting over wetlands in Scotland with lead shot and you must ensure you use non-lead shot in such circumstances. We do not allow the use of lead shot over our wetlands in any circumstances and any breach of this condition will result in the immediate cancellation of your sporting break.

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WARNING

Any shooting activity is potentially hazardous and it is important that all lawful directions and advice from ourselves be followed. We accept no responsibility for any illness or loss whatsoever incurred in the course of your stalking or shooting, or any expense arising from such illness or loss.

We take your safety very seriously and are appropriately indemnified.

2009 SPORTING TARIFF

DEER STALKING

Red stag - £60 per outing (morning or evenings) per single rifle

Roe deer - £60 per outing (morning or evenings) per single rifle

Rifle hire - £15.00 per outing

Ammunition - £4.00 per round

TROPHY FEES

Stags - up to and including of 4 points - No trophy fee

Stags from 5 points to 6 points inclusive - £250.00

Stags from 7 points to 11 points inclusive - £350.00

Stags - 12 point royal - £550.00

Stags from 13 points & over (Imperial) - £750.00

Roe Deer - Non medal class bucks - £100.00

Roe Deer - Bronze medal class - £250.00

Roe Deer - Silver medal class - £350.00

Roe Deer - Gold medal class - £450.00

Any wounded animals must be paid for.

WOODCOCK

£800 per gun for three days woodcock shooting and two evening woodcock flights

Additional morning or evening flights can be arranged at £100 per gun per additional flight

(minimum team of 4 guns, 8 guns maximum)

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(We reserve the right to book up to 10 guns per week)

MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Accommodation

£350 per person in 3 star hotel, ensuite accommodation including breakfast and dinner from the a la carte menu. Wine with meals is not included.

Trophy fees and any other extras must be cleared at the end of your hunting week and prior to departure.

Signed in full agreement and acceptance of the above Booking Terms and Conditions, Cancellation and Conditions and the Sporting Tariffs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____