

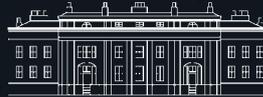


# BALBIRNIE HOUSE

## Christmas & New Year Festive Programme 2021

Fife's most renowned destination for  
celebrating the festive season

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Welcome to Balbirnie's fantastic 2021 Festive Programme, with the forthcoming Christmas and New Year season set to be our most fabulous festive season yet!

Balbirnie has hosted some wonderful festive celebrations over the last 244 years and this year will be just as wonderful. Fabulous food, exceptional value, friendly service and a festive atmosphere that is second to none – we've got all that you could possibly wish for this Christmas.

Celebrate with us in style and enjoy some festive glamour. The house is quite magnificent in December, with beautiful traditional Christmas trees, halls decked with boughs of holly, the gardens lit up with fairy lights – just magical.

Delicious food and a warm welcome await. Our guests and team alike always look forward to this very special time of

**Whatever the occasion of your visit, we look forward to welcoming you to Balbirnie.**

Gold Laurel Trophy "Passion and Performance Par Excellence"

Scottish Hotel Awards

year, which provides the opportunity for colleagues, family and friends to really enjoy our festive offerings.

Whether it be joining in with one of our legendary fun filled party nights, or a lovely lunch out over a glass of fizz with colleagues, a traditional Christmas Day Lunch (complete with visit from Santa!) or our grand New Year's Eve Ball or Hogmanay Bash, we have something for everyone this year.

Alternatively you may wish to come along to welcome in the New Year on 1st January with our sumptuous gala buffet lunch, a truly celebratory way to start the New Year!

"Widely recognised as Scotland's top privately-owned hotel..."

Condé Nast World Traveller

## BALBIRNIE GIFT VOUCHERS

A truly magnificent Christmas Gift awaits! What better gift to buy than a Balbirnie gift voucher. The perfect present to treat someone special, whether it's for Christmas, a birthday, anniversary, wedding celebration – we have gift vouchers suitable for all occasions. Vouchers can be purchased either for a specific monetary value or for a specific occasion, whether it be lunch or dinner in one of our restaurants, or perhaps for one of our marvellous overnight breaks. A gift to remember!

To purchase your gift voucher,  
please visit at [www.balbirnie.co.uk](http://www.balbirnie.co.uk)  
or give us a call on 01592 610066

"One of the most sociable & comfortable country house hotels in the land"

Scotland The Best by Peter Irvine

## Christmas Party Nights

It's party time! Our fabulous party nights are legendary so come along and join the festive celebrations.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served on arrival in The Long Gallery, followed by a superb festive meal in our magnificent Ballroom complete with sparkly dance-floor, ready to dance the night away.

### Party Package

Included within the price is a welcome glass of bubbly with canapés, a delicious 3 Course Plated Meal party box and our fantastic DJ.

### Party nights:

Friday 3rd & Friday 17th  
**£47.50 per person**

### Special Accommodation Rates

Why not stay over and make a night of it?  
B&B sharing standard double/twin @  
**£90 per room**

B&B single room @  
**£75.00**

### LOCH FYNE SMOKED SALMON PATE

fennel & kohlrabi remoulade, dill oil, sourdough

### CELERIAC SOUP

roast chestnuts, sage

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### ROULADE OF TURKEY

wrapped in prosciutto, sage and onion stuffing, duck fat potato, seasonal vegetables, turkey leg & cranberry bon bon

### POTATO GNOCCHI

pumpkin puree, roast pumpkin, mushrooms, sage dressing, pecorino

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### WARM CHRISTMAS PUDDING

amaretto custard, cherry compote

### MILK CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

salted caramel, pistachio

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### COFFEE AND WARM MINCE PIES

We must ask that all party night guests depart no later than 12.15am  
(please note taxis should be pre-booked to ensure availability).

## *Festive Afternoon Tea*

All served with your choice  
of Nespresso coffee,

Scottish tea or hot chocolate

'Brodies flavoured teas are also  
available on request'

### **A SELECTION OF FRESHLY PREPARED TRADITIONAL FINGER SANDWICHES:**

**TURKEY BREAST & STUFFING  
SALMON, CUCUMBER & CREAM CHEESE  
BRIE & CRANBERRY**

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**SAGE & ONION SAUSAGE ROLL  
TURKEY LEG & CRANBERRY BON BON**

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**CRANBERRY & ORANGE SCONE**

served with clotted cream and homemade Jam

**MINCE PIE**

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**SPICED GINGER CAKE, WHITE CHOCOLATE, ALMONDS  
WINTER SPICED MACARON  
CHESTNUT & CLEMENTINE CHOUX BUN**

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**TRADITIONAL £16.95**

OR

**SPARKLING £21.95**

Inclusive of a 125ml glass of Prosecco

OR

**CHAMPAGNE £25.95**

Inclusive of a 125ml glass of Moët Chandon

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All served with your choice of Nespresso coffee, Scottish tea  
or hot chocolate 'Brodies flavoured teas are also available on request'

# *Bistro Festive Lunches and Dinners*

**WEDNESDAY 1ST TO THURSDAY 30TH  
BOOKINGS FOR BISTRO**

**(EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS EVE,  
CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY)**

3 course menu with coffee and warm mince pies @  
**£29.50 per person**

(private room dining complimentary for  
10 guests and over, subject to availability).

## **Group Lunch Bookings**

Indulge with a fabulous festive lunch –  
perfect for your Christmas office lunch.

We are delighted to welcome  
group lunches to the Bistro or Pop Up Bistro.  
For all tables of 13 and over, we will kindly  
require a full menu pre-order.

phone us on  
**01592 610066**

or

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for full details

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party has a food allergy. Our products may contain wheat,  
egg, dairy, soy, fish or other allergens.

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For hashtag, please use #Balbirnie

## **STARTERS**

### **DUCK LIVER PARFAIT**

mulled wine jelly, spiced apple chutney, brioche

### **CELERIAC SOUP**

roast chestnut, sage

### **RED WINE POACHED PEAR**

blue murder, beetroot, walnuts, rye bread

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## **MAINS**

### **BEEF BOURGUIGNON**

truffle mash

### **BAKED RATATOUILLE**

capers, basil, 'crottin goats' cheese, onion bread

### **ROULADE OF TURKEY**

wrapped in prosciutto, sage & onion stuffing, seasonal  
vegetables, turkey & cranberry bon bon

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## **DESSERTS**

### **CRÈME BRULEE**

sable Breton

### **WARM CHRISTMAS PUDDING**

amaretto custard, cherry compote

### **CHEESE BOARD** (£4 supplement)

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## **TEA, COFFEE & TABLET**

# Orangery Festive Dinner

**WEDNESDAY 1ST TO THURSDAY 30TH**  
(EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS EVE,  
CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY)

7 Course Tasting Menu with Coffee @  
**£35.00 per person**

## Group Dinner Bookings

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perfect for your Christmas office celebration.  
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## CLASSIC

### WEE BITE

Hand picked crab, apple, cider, crème fraiche  
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### PARTRIDGE

Salsify puree, red wine, braised leg, chestnuts, pear

### SALMON

Beetroot cured, blackcurrants, vodka,  
pickled mussel

### TURKEY

Apricot stuffing, leg pressing, potato terrine,  
sprout puree, cranberry jus

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### SORBET

Kirsch sorbet, griottine

### AMARETTO

Tonka bean pave, cranberry, nutmeg,  
Christmas pudding ice cream

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### MORANGIE BRIE

Festive mince pie

## VEGETARIAN

### WEE BITE

Baked carrot, smoked honey, clementine, chervil  
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### ARANCINI

Celeriac, pear, tarragon, blue murder, walnut

### GNOCCHI

Pumpkin puree, sprout tops, trompette,  
sage pesto

### WELLINGTON

Sweet potato, cranberry, clava brie, chestnut jus

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### SORBET

Kirsch sorbet, griottine

### AMARETTO

Tonka bean pave, cranberry, nutmeg,  
Christmas pudding ice cream

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### MORANGIE BRIE

Festive mince pie

## VEGAN

### WEE BITE

Baked carrot, smoked honey,  
clementine, chervil

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### ARANCINI

Celeriac, pear, tarragon, walnut

### GNOCCHI

Pumpkin puree, sprout tops, trompette, sage  
pesto

### WELLINGTON

Sweet potato, cranberry, sprout puree,  
chestnut jus

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### SORBET

Kirsch sorbet, griottine

### AMARETTO

Tonka bean & chocolate pave, cranberry,  
nutmeg, Christmas pudding crème fraiche

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### CAMEMBERT

Festive mince pie

# *The Grand Hogmanay Ball in The Ballroom*

Celebrate the New Year in style and enjoy our magnificent "black tie and ball gown" Grand Hogmanay Ball. Champagne and canapés will be served at 7.00pm, with a sumptuous 5 course meal commencing in The Ballroom at 7.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by the fantastic band Velour Amour who will ensure the dancing carries into the wee sma' hours.

A glass of champagne and Balbirnie's piper will welcome in the New Year with dancing carrying on until 2.00am with mini Scotch pies served on departure. A truly memorable evening and simply the best party to welcome in the New Year!

**£135.00 per person**

Dress is black tie/kilts. Guests will be seated in tables of 12, and hotel will assist with seating smaller parties suitably together

## **PETERHEAD SMOKED HADDOCK**

Balbirnie ale rarebit, hand picked crab, raisin & cabbage, curry emulsion  
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## **CAULIFLOWER SOUP**

Cheese goujere, black truffle  
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## **SEA BUCKTHORN SORBET**

White chocolate & pistachio crumb  
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## **FILLET OF BEEF WELLINGTON**

Potato marquise, roscoff onion, pulled cheek, roast gravy  
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## **CRANACHAN**

Glenkinchie whisky & honey jelly, honey comb, macerated raspberries, sable Biscuit

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## **RED ONION TART TATIN**

walnut crowdie, pickled walnuts, cherry tomato, balsamic  
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## **CAULIFLOWER SOUP**

Cheese goujere, black truffle  
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## **SEA BUCKTHORN SORBET**

White chocolate & pistachio crumb  
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## **RICOTTA GNOCCHI**

Pickled carrots, hazelnuts, chervil, carrot dressing  
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## **CRANACHAN**

Glenkinchie whisky & honey jelly, honey comb, macerated raspberries, sable Biscuit

## New Year's Day Lunch

Come along and enjoy  
a fabulous lunch in our Bistro!

Seating times from 12 noon.

Bistro menu – **Charged as taken**

### COCKTAILS

**FRENCH MARTINI £8.50**  
vodka, Chambord, grenadine, pineapple juice

**COSMOPOLITAN £8.50**  
Vodka, Cointreau, lime juice, cranberry juice

**PASSIONFRUIT MARTINI £8.50**  
vanilla vodka, passoa, passionfruit puree,  
sugar syrup, orange juice

**ESPRESSO MARTINI £9.00**  
vanilla vodka, Tia Maria, espresso, sugar syrup

**NEGRONI £8.50**  
Campari, martini rosso, gin

**MAI TAI £8.50**  
dark rum, golden rum, orange curacao,  
orgeat syrup, grenadine (contains nuts)

### STARTERS

**CELERIAC SOUP** roast chestnut, sage **£5.50**

**DUCK LIVER PARFAIT** **£7.00**

mulled wine jelly, spiced apple chutney, brioche

**BALBIRNIE HOT SMOKED SALMON** **£7.50**

dill crème fraiche, caviar, brown bread

**PRESSED HAM HOCK** piccalilli, red endive, sourdough **£7.00**

**RED WINE POACHED PEAR** **£6.50**

blue murder, beetroot, walnuts, rye bread

### SALADS

**BALBIRNIE BISTRO CEASAR SALAD** **£7.00**

grated duck egg, black pepper (add chicken £5)

**SALAD LYONNAISE** crisp salad leaves, bacon, **£5.95/£7.95**  
croufons, poached free range eggs

### FROM THE GRILL

**8oz RIBEYE** 35 day aged Aberdeen Angus Limousin **£24.95**

Beef served with tomato, mushroom, watercress and fries

**SAUCES** creamy green peppercorn, **£2.95**  
Tabasco onions, garlic butter

**BURGERS** *Our own recipe beef burger. all burgers served  
with peanut butter and red cabbage coleslaw and fries*

**BALBIRNIE ROYALE BURGER** **£14.00**

bacon, tomato, lettuce, red onion, gherkin, cheddar, tomato mayo

### CLASSIC MAINS

**BEEF BOURGIGNON** truffle mash **£14.50**

**WHITE WINE & GARLIC MOULES FRITES** **£13.50**

**FISH AND CHIPS** tartare sauce, lemon **£13.50**

**ROAST BREAST OF CHICKEN** mushroom and pea **£14.50**

fricasse, rosti potato, hispi cabbage

**CREAMY FISH PIE** **£15.00**

petis pois, leek & dill, dunlop cheddar mash

**BAKED RATAOUILLE** **£13.00**

capers, basil, crottin goats' cheese, onion bread

### DESSERTS AND CHEESES

**AFFOGATO** **£5.50**

**CRÈME BRULEE** sable breton **£7.00**

**STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING** vanilla ice cream **£7.50**

**SCOTTISH CHEESE BOARD** **£7.00**

**PEAR'S BELLE HELENE** vanilla ice cream **£6.50**

# *New Year Festive Accommodation Packages*

## **DECEMBER FESTIVE INDULGENCE BREAK**

Chill out and relax before the Christmas rush – enjoy a glass of mulled wine with mince pies on arrival, accommodation in a classic double room, 7 Course Tasting Menu in The Orangery and full Scottish breakfast the next morning.

**£99.50 per person** (Subject to availability and excludes 24/25/30/31 Dec)

## **HOGMANAY PACKAGES**

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We have fabulous residential packages available over these special times of year which include delightful accommodation, dinner, full Scottish breakfast, together with other special additions to make your stay memorable.

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### **New Year**

Two night stay

**£485 per person**

Three night stay

**£599 per person**

All prices inclusive of V.A.T.

We would be delighted to welcome you to Balbirnie to join our house party at this very special time of year!

Contact our reservations team: 01592 610066  
[reservations@balbirnie.co.uk](mailto:reservations@balbirnie.co.uk)

# *All Aboard!*

*A truly lovely suggestion for Edinburgh based companies and groups for 2021's Festive Season*

*Tired of the same old routine for your company festive celebrations?  
Time for a wonderful change?*

## **MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS!!!**

Train from Edinburgh Waverley, a relaxing 45 minute journey over the iconic Forth Rail Bridge, to Markinch Village.



Stroll up Balbirnie's driveway.



Arrival drinks beside the roaring fire, then either a Private Room or Bistro for a wonderful 3 course lunch with coffee.

**£29.50 per person**



Return train journey to Edinburgh.

**Special Events Reservations via Email: [leah@balbirnie.co.uk](mailto:leah@balbirnie.co.uk)**

## *Payment Details / Terms and Conditions*

### **Christmas Party Nights, Restaurant Lunches for groups of 8 and over, All Private Room Parties, Christmas Day Lunches and Hogmanay Night Events:**

£15 non-refundable deposit required for all festive bookings within 2 weeks of provisional booking being made. If no deposit has been received within 14 days, the reservation may automatically be released without prior notification. Please note the deposit cannot be used against the final balance if the number of guests reduce.

The remaining balance must be settled 4 weeks in advance of event. Any new bookings made after October 1st must be settled in full at time of booking. The balance for Bistro bookings can be settled on the day, (except for Christmas Day when full prepayment is required). Deposits and final payments are non-refundable, non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for future hotel credit or vouchers. All wine and drinks payments must be settled either in advance or on the day.

Balbirnie will send written confirmation on receipt of payments. Payment can be made by debit card, credit card (please note credit card transactions of £500 and over incur a fee: 3.35% for Amex payments and 1.18% surcharge for all other credit card transactions) or by cheque (cheques must clear 10 days before arrival, cheques payable to "Balbirnie House Hotel Ltd.")

#### **Festive Accommodation Packages**

50% prepayment is required on booking with the full outstanding payment due on departure. Our normal room cancellation policy applies.

#### **Cancellation by Hotel**

In the unlikely event that the hotel has to cancel an event, an alternative date will be offered or a full refund given. The hotel reserves the right to alter, amend or change any of the content, menus or prices in this brochure, should circumstances dictate.

#### **Final Numbers**

For events which require pre-payment, once deposits and final payments have been made (final payments are due 6 weeks before event), no refunds, transfers or vouchers will be provided.

Pre-payments for non-arrivals are forfeited and cannot be transferred to cover food, drink or entertainment for other members of the party. Children attending party night or Hogmanay events will be charged at full adult prices.

Vegetarian options are provided with all menus. We request that any other special dietary requirements be advised to the hotel prior to arrival.

**Other:** The management of the hotel reserves the right to refuse entry to the hotel, and to charge the organiser, company or individual for any damages caused by unreasonable behaviour. Please note that for group lunch parties, it is the responsibility of the organiser to communicate to colleagues that the latest departure time from Balbirnie is 5.00pm in order to allow us sufficient time to prepare for evening service. Prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at current rate. Gratuities are at your discretion.

For further information or to make a booking please contact our Special Events team in the Christmas office: Balbirnie House Hotel, Markinch, Fife, KY7 6NE

**Telephone: 01592 610066** or  
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for general enquiries and restaurant bookings.

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