



Breathing new life into stunning Dungallan House

An exciting new era – celebratory Afternoon Tea anyone?

While Covid 19 was continuing to rear its unwanted head and bring continued uncertainty in the hospitality industry, Patrik von Arx of Varem Real Estate, Basel, Switzerland decided to take a leap of faith. Having yearned for a classic Scottish country house, Patrik visited Dungallan during a trip to Oban whilst viewing another property. The moment he set eyes on it, he was smitten.

Despite Dungallan being in arguably one of the most spectacular settings in Oban, it has required total refurbishment and no expense has been spared to transform this stunning country house into one of Argyll's most beautiful boutique hotels. Given Patrik's eye for detail – evident across all of his real estate developments in Switzerland - he is the perfect custodian of this challenging, but completely visionary renovation project.

The Dungallan team is headed up by managers Kirsty and Simon who have overseen the transformation of this beautiful country house and are delighted to have the support of exceptional staff to delivery excellence in every part of the business – food, drink and house-keeping especially – all locals, which is fantastic. They are looking forward to opening the doors in early May to

showcase everything that Dungallan has to offer and are excited to help their guests with itineraries and advice so that they can make the most of their stay. The team is also really looking forward to welcoming locals to experience wonderful food and drink, including afternoon tea on the patio!

Having a selection of over 100 whiskies in addition to a range of Champagnes, wines, spirits, bottled beers, ciders and soft drinks, every visitor can be sure of the perfect accompaniment to their time relaxing in the refurbished library or on the new wraparound patio with comfortable seating, soaking up those fabulous views.

For some, the epitome of relaxation includes a sumptuous afternoon tea. Dungallan offers delicious cakes, entirely made and decorated on site, homemade jam and an extensive range of Brodies of Edinburgh tea. To satisfy those looking for some bubbles to accompany their cakes, Prosecco is a welcome addition.

Some guests will stay in Oban for total relaxation whilst others will venture out for the day to either explore the islands of Mull, Iona, Isle of Lismore and the Isle of Kerrera or to simply jump in their car and see where the drive takes them. Given the remoteness of some day trip destinations, Dungallan offer guests the option of a complimentary packed lunch to take on their travels.



Dungallan Country House has also forged a great relationship with Glencruitten Golf Club and offers guests an all-inclusive golf package which covers, if required, use of the Dungallan golf clubs, driven to the course with a morning coffee, bacon roll and the obligatory miniature whisky along with bed and breakfast.

Dungallan is the most picture-perfect setting for a wedding. This industry saw an enormous turnaround in the attitude of couples looking to secure their nuptials after Covid 19. It is now quite normal and often the most popular choice

now to have a more intimate gathering. The guest house is the ideal setting; private gardens, 11 guest rooms, large bar and restaurant to enjoy a bespoke buffet, a library and ample outside space to accommodate a marquee and enjoy luxury garden furniture whilst soaking up those breath-taking views. To maintain the feeling of intimacy, weddings are offered on an exclusive use basis. This ensures that the gathering has the undivided attention of management and staff in what is generally regarded as the most important event in a person's life.