



HOPETOUN

SCOTLAND'S FINEST STATELY HOME

Visitor Information and FAQs

Do I need to pre-book my ticket?

Pre-booking is not essential but for a quicker check in process, we strongly advise booking your ticket online in advance.

Opening times and days

5 days a week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (**closed Tuesday and Wednesday**)
From 11am to 5pm (last admission is 4pm)

However, we may close from time to time for essential maintenance or private events, so please double check our website for notifications of closed days as we'd hate for you to have a wasted journey.

Is entry to Midhope Castle included?

No. Midhope Castle is a few miles away and is owned and managed separately from Hopetoun House. Tickets for Midhope can be bought online via a separate booking system, please keep an eye on our website for updates <https://hopetoun.co.uk/estate/outlander-at-hopetoun/>

Getting here

Hopetoun is clearly sign posted from Glasgow and Edinburgh, it's best to head for South Queensferry and follow the brown tourist signs. Alternatively, for Sat Nav please use post code EH30 9RW which will take you into South Queensferry to Farquhar Terrace, it is a straight road from this point of about 1.5 miles. Please note that there is no access to Hopetoun House from the Bo'ness road A904 (even though your Sat Nav might tell you otherwise).

What to expect on arrival

Our staff will welcome you on arrival from our little blue ticket kiosk located at the electric gates on the driveway leading to the House. If you arrive by car, please stay in your car, and wait for one of our friendly team to call you forward. Please bring your ticket with you and show at a distance for our staff to scan.

Food & Drink

We are delighted that The Stables Kitchen will re-open this season, offering a delicious selection of coffee and cakes as well as soup, sandwiches and lunches or treat yourself to Afternoon Tea.

<https://hopetoun.co.uk/house-and-grounds/stables-kitchen/>

Parking charges

There is no charge for parking, we offer free parking at Hopetoun.

Public Transport

We are situated in a rural location and there are no bus routes that come close to Hopetoun.



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Bikes and other wheels

You are welcome to travel to Hopetoun by bike, but we kindly ask that you leave your bike in the car park. For the safety and enjoyment of other guests' bikes, scooters, skateboards etc. are not permitted past the car park.

Dogs

Dogs are very welcome in the grounds of Hopetoun but must always be kept on a lead. However, dogs are not permitted inside the House or any of the buildings including The Stables Kitchen. As usual we ask all owners to bring their own poop bags and clean up after their dog. There is a water bowl in the colonnades for thirsty pets.

Photography and drones

You are welcome to take photographs outside the House and inside the House (without flash please) for non-commercial private use. However, the use of tri-pods and selfie sticks is not allowed in the House. Wedding photography is not permitted onsite unless your wedding has been hosted by us. Drone filming is not permitted anywhere on site.

Maps and activity sheets for kids (and big kids)

We've lots of maps and activities for you to download and enjoy when you visit:

<https://hopetoun.co.uk/house-and-grounds/grounds-and-trails/>

Covid-19 measures

We continue to monitor the situation regarding Covid-19 and we will implement any changes advised by the Scottish Government. Meanwhile, the safety and comfort of our visitors and staff is very important and therefore we are taking the following measures:

- We encourage online ticket bookings so that we can gauge the number of guests on site each day
- We encourage guests to pay for any additional purchases on site by card instead of cash
- We have hand sanitizer and hand washing facilities available on site for all guests
- We encourage our staff and guests to continue to wear masks in any indoor areas of Hopetoun House
- Although physical distancing is no longer a requirement, we understand that some guests will be more cautious than others, therefore we encourage all guests and staff to keep a safe and polite distance from each other
- When you visit, you are kindly asked to observe information on signs, follow any one-way routes or queuing systems that may be in place and follow the advice of our staff.
- If you are showing any of the symptoms of coronavirus, or if you have been in contact with anyone that has the virus in the last 7 days, you must not visit.



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Please check the Government guidance before visiting on:

www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-travel-and-transport/#exceptions

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Through the admissions and cleaning procedures we are putting in place, and with your co-operation, we should minimise the risk of Covid 19 transmission while you visit Hopetoun. However, as with anywhere that you might visit or shop in, we obviously cannot guarantee that anyone visiting or working here has not unknowingly been exposed to or is carrying the virus. By purchasing your tickets, you acknowledge that the Hopetoun House Preservation Trust cannot be held responsible should transmission of the virus to you be traced to a visit to Hopetoun.

For help or further information please contact dayvisits@hopetoun.co.uk or phone 0131 331 2451

