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WING-SHOOTING in UK

Driven Pheasant, Partridge and Grouse Shooting in the UK



When it comes to driven shooting there are no other countries which even come close to providing the same sort of variety of driven shooting as that which is on offer in the UK. This is as much to do with the diversity of the shooting landscape in combination with an embedded love of field sports in the UK, prevalent within Britain since medieval times. Precipitous slopes in Scotland, the rolling moorland of Northern England, deep wooded valleys in Wales or the more typical quintessential rural English countryside of the home counties, all go up to make it a country of classic shooting turf.

We offer an ever-expanding selection of shoots from across the UK. Where possible we will seek to show you the best that is to offer with individual links to the shoots. In some instances however, whether it be for reasons of privacy or simply short notice openings, only more limited details are available. Please do not hesitate to enquire if you would like more information.

Chelsham

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The Shooting

Those who are not acquainted with the topography of the South Downs will be in for a shock. The shoot, although within the M25 and consequently a stones throw from the centre of London, is a combination of unspoilt and isolated countryside amidst cavernous valleys. Guns are typically positioned in the troughs of these valleys with the birds being driven from game covers or woodland from one side of the valley to the other. Grassed slopes can diminish the perspective of height; however if you are in any doubt as to the quality of the birds a view down from the game covers whence the birds are driven will be more than enough to convince you to reach for a double choked gun or 'High Pheasant' cartridges!

There are over 100 acres of game crops strategically placed across the 38 drives of the shoot. These drives will give you the opportunity to shoot many different styles of birds from high 'West Country' style pheasants to partridge driven over 'grouse butts'. The shoot typically caters for a team of 8 guns and you can expect bags of 2-300 birds. Guns are requested to assemble in the morning at the gun room in the centre of the estate, giving guests the opportunity to change or leave any spare gear prior to the day.

A typical day on the estate will cover 5-6 drives with a break in the morning for a glass or two of champagne. A simple snack of soup and sausages will be served at around midday at one of the huts on the estate with guests returning to the gun room for a full cooked lunch on completion of the day's shooting.

Location

The estate is located within the M25 between Junction 5 and 6. Travel time from central London is approximately 1 hour, making this shoot extremely accessible whether you are traveling from the city or via Heathrow or Gatwick airport.



Bryngwyn

A classic high-bird driven pheasant shoot in the heart of Wales. Set deep in the Welsh countryside Bryngwyn has the sort of topography that shoot owners dream about. Shooting parties have the option of staying in considerable comfort in the family stately home.

Thorp Perrow

Situated at the entrance to the North Yorkshire dales. This is a shoot that excels in an area renowned for providing some of the best driven pheasant shooting in the UK.

Ravenswick

Bordered by the North York Moors and very close to Helmsley Ravenswick is a stylish pheasant shoot with drives consisting of deep wooded valleys as well as more open drives off the surrounding hills.

Shroner Wood

Located in the heart of Hampshire just 1 hours drive from central London, this family run shoot provides challenging partridge and warm hospitality.

Driven and Walked up Grouse Shooting - "The Glorious Twelfth"

There can be few other days in the sporting calendar which hold such sway over the game shooting fraternity as 12 August. "The Glorious Twelfth" heralds the start of the grouse shooting season and for many ends what has probably been almost 12 months of anticipation for this most revered of all the sporting game birds. Flying at up to 80 mph and as often as not hugging the contours of the heather moorland they inhabit, they represent what is considered by most to be the ultimate in driven shooting.



The hedge hopping partridge or the high pheasant both offer exceptional sport and indeed make up the mainstay of most guns' driven shooting fixtures. The grouse however has one other attribute that adds an extra element to its desirability – the unpredictability of their numbers. The Red Grouse is totally wild and the stock of birds cannot be augmented by reared birds in any shape or form. They can be well kept and their habitat encouraged, but environmental factors beyond anyone's control can and does account for huge fluctuations in their numbers. What may be a vintage season with record bags one year may well be a disaster the following. This unpredictability means that when an opportunity arises or an invitation is given it is for many the shooting equivalent of the golden ticket.

Driven Grouse Shooting

Driven shooting is the means by which the bulk of grouse days are conducted; a large team of beaters

being used to sweep in a sizeable stretch of moorland and drive the birds towards a line of guns. Guns are positioned in butts that are spaced 20-35 yards apart and are often sunken into the moorland to keep their profile as low as possible. Although butts may be placed in gullies with the grouse crossing high overhead, as often as not the birds will be flying at head height, appearing in coveys of 20 or more with little or no warning. It is not uncommon for days to be double-gun to maximise the shooting opportunities. Although taking a single bird from a pack of grouse may initially seem like a challenge, it is not unheard of for skilled 'double gunners' to take as many as 5 birds from a passing covey.

Walked Up or Rough Days Grouse Shooting

Although driven grouse shooting is held in the highest prestige, walked up days grouse shooting is often employed as a means of covering areas less suitable for driving. It can be equally challenging! Typically the team of guns will walk in an extended line, interspersed with keepers and pickers-up with gun dogs. The grouse usually flush in front of the line, presenting a 'going away' shot. Depending on the conditions they may either get up from 'under one's feet' or present themselves at longer distances. Whether one finds oneself suddenly surrounded by a covey of a dozen or more grouse scattering in all directions or faced with challenging away or overhead shots as birds swing down the line, they are all equally exciting and just as sporting.

Price & Terms

Please ask for pricing and provide us with:

- Estimated date of travel
- Number of hunters / Non-hunters
- Number of hunting days (minimum 4)
- Any other relevant details