

# MACNAB CHALLENGE



Newly renovated shooting lodge located at the edge of the Cairngorms National Park.



1800's traditional Scottish shooting lodge situated in the Cairngorms National Park, near Ballater.



Classic Victorian Shooting Lodge in County Angus, a 55,000 acre sporting paradise.

## September 13 - 19, 2026

(6 NIGHTS, 7 DAYS)

The MacNab Challenge draws inspiration from the 1926 John Buchan novel *John MacNab*, where three bored friends reinvigorate their lives by poaching stags and salmon under the pseudonym "John MacNab." Each faced unique challenges to succeed, but their daring adventures restored their zest for life. The modern MacNab Challenge, devised by *The Field* editor Jonathan Young, requires landing an Atlantic Salmon on a fly, bagging a brace of red grouse, and taking a red stag, all between dawn and dusk on the same day.

To elevate the chances of success, our guests are given a full week to attempt this challenge on estates with all three species on their grounds. Days begin early with spey rod in hand, followed by grouse hunting using pointers and flushers, and culminating in the challenging stalk of a red stag. Those who succeed join the exclusive ranks of The MacNab Club, celebrating the pinnacle of field sports achievement.

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# CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN A UNIQUE SCOTTISH FIELDSPORTS TRADITION. IT IS SEEN BY MANY AS THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE. THE STARS HAVE TO ALIGN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SPORTING FIELD.

## About the Species

### Atlantic Salmon

Known as "The Leaper," the Atlantic Salmon is a remarkable fish that returns from the sea to its freshwater birthplace to spawn. Catching one is no easy feat, as they stop feeding during this final stage of their journey. Hooking a salmon is challenging enough, but successfully landing and releasing one is a real accomplishment.

### Red Grouse

Nicknamed "The Red Missile," the Red Grouse is unique to Britain's heather-covered moors. Known for their incredible speed and low, fast flights, they test even the most skilled wingshooters with their swift, unpredictable movements.

### Red Stag

The Red Stag, Scotland's largest deer, roams the rugged, treeless highlands, making it a tough challenge for hunters. These powerful animals require expert stalking skills and a sharp eye to navigate the open terrain and secure a clean shot.

## What's Included

- ✓ Ground Transportation to and from airport
- ✓ 5 days of sport - Stag, Salmon, Walked up Grouse
- ✓ Vintage & Modern Shotguns and Rifles plus ammunition
- ✓ Fishing Kit - including flies
- ✓ Accommodations at estate
- ✓ Gourmet cooking featuring local produce and game
- ✓ Visitor gun permits & Liability Insurance while in the field
- ✓ All meals and Wine with dinner

## Pricing & Exclusions

- ⊗ \$15,500/MacNabber; \$2,200/Companion
- ⊗ Waders (bring your own)
- ⊗ Taxidermy and shipment to US
- ⊗ Flights
- ⊗ Gratuity to loaders, game keepers, staff, and chef (all est. £750pp)
- ⊗ Pre & Post Shoot Activities
- ⊗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ⊗ Trophy fee and prep for a Royal, Imperial, or Monarch Stag

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