



WARM WELCOME TO THE MARYCULTER HOUSE HOTEL
RESTAURANT

Douglas Clubb, our Head Chef and Sous Chef, Dylan Thornton work with local and artisan producers to gather the ingredients they require to showcase and present Aberdeenshire's finest produce at an award winning level.

We hope you enjoy your evening and that it reflects the hotels historic surroundings and heritage in an atmosphere that is elegant, traditional and charming.



TO START

SOUP OF THE DAY £4.45
Served with Rustic Bread

HOT SMOKED SALMON CULLEN SKINK £5.75
Served with Rustic Bread

VINE CHERRY TOMATO BRUSCHETTA £4.95
Chilli, Lemon & Basil

OPTIONAL CHILLI PRAWNS..... £7.25

KATIFI KING PRAWNS £6.25
Homemade Chilli Sauce, Lemon Mayo

NUTTY CHICKEN £5.25
*Chicken Strips in a Peanut Crust, Rocket Salad,
Spicy Soya Dipping Sauce*

HAM HOCK TERRINE £5.95
Piccalilli, Pea Puree & Rustic Bread

PAN SEARED SCALLOPS £7.25
Warm Chorizo, Peas, Potato, Cherry Tomato Sauce

OATMEAL CRUSTED BLACK HAGGIS FRITTERS £5.25
Smoked Bacon & Whisky Jam

VENISON CARPACCIO £6.50
Pickled Beetroot, Charred Shallot & Horseradish Cream





HOT SANDWICHES
MADE WITH HOMEMADE CHUNKY BREAD
WHITE or WHOLEMEAL

Served with salad, coleslaw and skinny fries

BOOKMAKER £11.95
4oz Featherblade steak cooked medium, rocket, bacon, jam and herb mayo

CHARGRILLED MEDITARANIAN VEGETABLES
AND FETA CHEESE £9.25

PULLED FIRECRACKER BEEF BRISKET £10.95
Served with Smoked Chilli Jam, Rocket and Sundried Tomato

ROASTED HAM – BRIE- PICCALILLI £9.95

COLD SANDWICHES
MADE WITH HOMEMADE CHUNKY BREAD
Served with salad, coleslaw and skinny fries

TUNA MARIE ROSE £5.25

HOT SMOKED SALMON..... £6.25
Served with Pickled Cucumber and Herby Cream Cheese

CORIANDER CHICKEN AND BACON MAYO £5.75

EGG CRESS MAYO £5.25



THE MAIN COURSE

BOURGUIGNON STEAK PIE..... £ 11.95
Served with Roast Root Vegetables and Wild Garlic Mash

RED THAI CHICKEN CURRY £12.95
Served with Fragrant Coriander Rice
(A VEGETABLE OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE)..... £9.95

BEER BATTERED NORTH SEA HADDOCK..... £11.95
*Served with Tossed Salad, Minted Mushy Peas, Home-Made
Tartare Sauce and Chunky Chips*

GARLIC AND THYME ROAST LAMB CHUMP..... £14.25
*Served with Roast Mediterranean Vegetables, Crushed Baby
Truffle Potatoes and Pesto Drizzle*

TEMPLAR BURGER..... £11.95
*Homemade 6oz Burger, with Smoked Bacon, Smoked Cheddar and
an Onion Ring in a Buttermilk Bun, Served with Coleslaw
and Chunky Chips*

CRISPY CAJUN CHICKEN BURGER..... £11.25
*With Baby Gem Lettuce, Tomato and Lemon Mayo in a Buttermilk Bun,
served with Cajun Chips*

POACHERS SALMON..... £14.25
*Lemon and Pink Peppercorn Poached Salmon, served with Beetroot
Mash, Creamed Baby Spinach and Sauce Vierge*

CHARGRILLED TUSCAN TAGLIATELLE £9.95
*Served with Chargrilled Vegetables in a Cherry Tomato
and Garlic Sauce and Fresh Parmesan*

ADD PESTO CHICKEN FOR £11.95



SALADS

CAESAR SALAD.....	£7.75
<i>Parma Ham Crisp –Parmesan Crisp</i>	
ADD CRISPY CAJUN CHICKEN	£2.00
HOUSE VEGETABLE SALAD	£7.75
<i>Chargrilled Med Veg- Feta- Olives</i>	

THE
PRIORY GRILL

All our steaks are 21 day aged

8 OZ FILLET STEAK.....	£26.95
8 OZ RIB EYE STEAK.....	£21.95
8 OZ FEATHERBLADE STEAK.....	£18.95

All steaks are served with hand cut fries, tomato, mushrooms, onion rings and leaf salad plus a choice of either:

Garlic Butter
Brandy & Peppercorn Sauce
Port Sauce

TRADITIONALLY MATURED

Once the beef has been selected by hand, it is carefully matured using traditional methods to bring out its sublime tenderness



DEVENICK ARTISAN CHEESES

Served With Deeside Oatcakes, Crudités & House Chutney

The Coos r Oot - *A Traditional Mild Local Cheese*

Monarch - *Camembert Style with Local Twist & Flavouring*

Badentoy Blue - *Medium Blue, Creamy, with Softer Blue Tang*

Smoked Deesider - *Traditional Cold Oak Smoked, Medium Flavour*

Granite City - *Medium, with Lovely Prolonged Flavour*

3 CHEESES	£7.95
5 CHEESES	£9.95



SUPPLIERS

Douglas and his team are proud to be supported by the following local suppliers:

JAMES GAMMIE – FRESH FARM EGGS, BANFF

TURRIFF’S – FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES, MONTROSE

DEVENICK DAIRY – CHEESE & DAIRY PRODUCE, BANCHORY

**INVERAWE SCOTTISH SMOKE HOUSE – SMOKED SEAFOODS,
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M&J SEAFOOD – FISH & SEAFOOD, PETERHEAD SEA PORT

MCWILLIAM’S – ABERDEENSHIRE BUTCHER

MARYCULTER HOUSE AND THE PRECATORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The Knights Templar were by origin an order of French Knights who banded together to escort and protect Christian pilgrims crossing Judea on their way to the Holy Land during the





time of the Great Crusades. They were men of faith, inspired with a love of God and the Church.

The Order of the Knights Templar were granted part of the land of Culter, which lay on the south side of the River Dee, now Maryculter, by King William the Lion in 1187.

Between 1221 and 1236 the powerful Bisset family, Lords of Aboyne founded the Preceptory or College of the Knights Templar on the site of Maryculter House Hotel. All that remains of these buildings are the Vaulted Chambers located underneath the Resident Lounge and the cemetery and Chapel ruins - opposite reception car park - dedicated to their patron saint St. Mary. This Chapel became the parish church to Maryculter in 1288.

In 1312 Pope Clement V and Philippe Le Bel King of France suppressed the Knights Templar and in accordance King Edward II followed. This resulted in the abolition of the Templars and their lands on Deeside.

In 1535 the Menzies family bought the land of Maryculter House and in 1618 extended their estate by purchasing the remaining lands of Maryculter.

The oldest part of the hotel dates back to the time of St. John in 1460 which is our present Resident's Lounge. In 1745 all six sons of the Laird at that time fought for Bonnie Prince Charlie.

In 1811 the last Laird John Menzie sold Maryculter Estate to the Honourable General William Gordon of Fyvie. The weather cock with the Gordon family crest dates from this period. He used to travel from Fyvie to Maryculter with a team of ox wagons carrying the luggage and servants. You can still see the stone stables where the oxen were stalled near the mains of Maryculter.

The last Gordon Laird, Sir Cosmo Duff Gordon, one of the few male passengers who survived the Titanic disaster sold the estate to various different owners in the 1930's, and Maryculter House became a hotel soon after World War II. Currently the hotel is privately owned by a family who bought it in the early 1990's and have since added two accommodation blocks and our Templar Suite Ballroom. In 2011 they acquired fishing rights for the Culter Beat which is directly upstream of the Maryculter Bridge and has over 1 mile offering a wide variety of pools to fish.

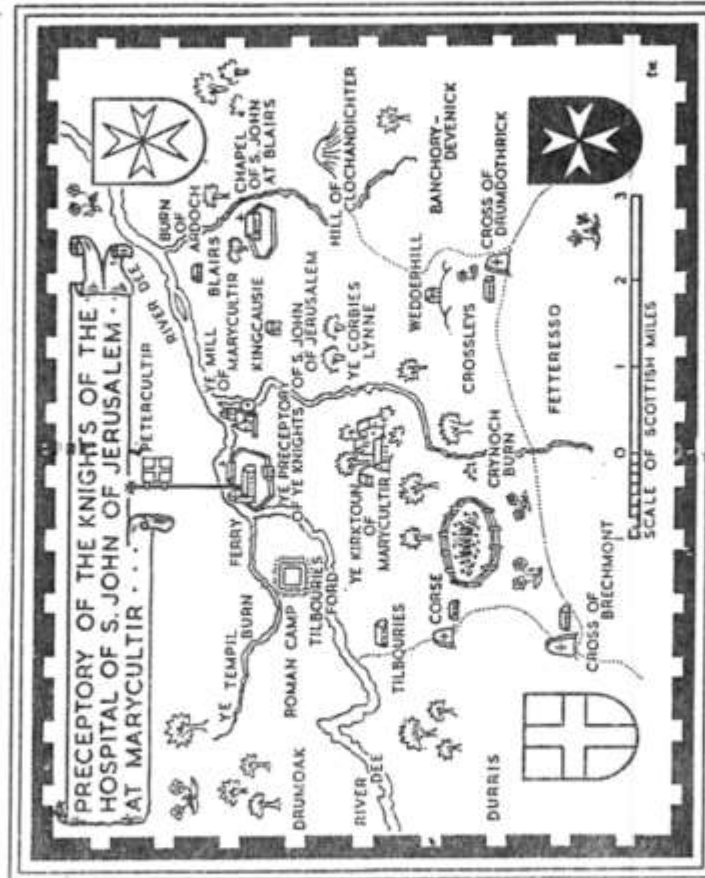




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HOSPITAL LANDS AT MARYCULTER.

(1413)



Here is a description of the Hospital lands at that time. "Mary Culter lieth hard upon the Dee in the Meurus. It hath the Blessed Virgin Mary for its tutelair Saint . . . The Culter Lands pertained to St. John. To begin at the east half of the Burra of Ardoe as it descends in the water of Dee and so inland that burn to the Hill of Clochandichter. And so forth west to Drumthorick and so to the site of Crossley. And syne forth on the west half to the Cross of Brechmont. And syne down betwixt twa Ashentillys to Craig of Ashentilly. And syne down to Drumthorick where there is a cross. And so in water of Dee.

The most famous of the Maryculter Knights was a certain Fleming. Preceptor of the Order of S. John of Jerusalem in 1415. He had signalized himself at the siege of Rhodes, and at Maryculter left a more enduring memorial than military fame, for the division of the estate and parish which he marked out are still unaltered to, and there he erected such stones upon which the Latin Cross remains unaltered, in bygone centuries, his brave and gallant man old powerful away.

In all, the Order of St. John possessed over 8,500 acres including the estates of Altriox, Auchincloss, Blair, Hasther, Meins of Maryculter and Kingcausie.

For over 200 years they held these lands. Much of the land was cultivated by the Knights themselves and they proved good landlords.

