

The Real Mary King's Close & Taste of Scotland Experience

Trio of Starters

Smoked salmon with caviar crème fraîche

Black pudding and haggis bonbon with chilli jam

Beetroot and goats cheese tart with blood orange dressing

Trio of Mains

Saddle of venison with braised red cabbage

Chicken Balmoral with pumpkin purée and potato rosti

Trout fillet with spinach and lemon crust

Dessert

Spiced pumpkin cheesecake with raspberry purée

Paired with a specially selected Scotch whisky

Tea or Coffee

Allergen information available on request

Scotland - the home of spirits

Here at The Scotch Whisky Experience, we never stop talking about spirits. Today, we are taking you to the world of spooky spirits, who either love a dram or they simply love Scotland!

The Sherry Lady

Glendronach Distillery, founded in 1826 by James Allardes, is famous for its sherry cask matured whisky. Sherry casks are often brought over from Spain, and it appears that one sherry-loving spirit crossed the borders inside one of those casks (Oloroso to be precise) and decided to occupy the Glen House, which had been built in 1771. According to the distillery, she is quite partial to a wee dram from time to time. Many guests, residing in the Glen House have either seen her, or felt her presence, especially late at night, and after a tippie or two.

The White Lady

The White Lady, as she is known, haunts the old floor maltings at Glenmorangie Distillery in the Highlands. It is said she has been responsible for removing entire sheets of wallpaper from the wall without causing it to rip! The White Lady was also used to the advantage of many managers of the distillery, who would warn young apprentices when they started that the sight of the apparition had been enough to make men go mad. After the warning, none of the apprentices would have a kip on the job!

"Back in the days when Glenmorangie had its floor maltings site, the shovellers were expected to work around the clock," explains Graham Eunson (Glenmorangie's former distillery manager). "Given that one sleepy shoveller could ruin the next day's mash, it's possible the threat of an imminent apparition was all that was needed to keep the night shift awake..."

The Smartest Ghost on the Island

The story starts 29 years after a ban to distil whisky was imposed on the residents of Jura in 1781. Laird Archibald Campbell who initially outlawed distilling, woke up in the middle of the night to see a ghostly old woman hovering over his bed. A woman after our own heart, she berated him over the lack of golden nectar on the island. Legend has it, this apparition persuaded him to reverse his initial decision and open a distillery at an old smuggler's cave in 1810. A bottle of 16 year old whisky is still left in a secret cave somewhere on the island, just to make sure that the ghostly woman won't visit anyone again in the middle of the night!