### ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOWTIME

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# For four days in June the country comes to the city at the Royal Highland Show



Thousands of people from all walks of life flock to the 'Highland' to enjoy the finest food, the best of countryside pursuits, a unique shopping experience from many small and artisan retailers not found on the high street, as well as many that are, and the chance to get up close to pedigree farm animals, horses and rare breeds of every shape and size.

This is your opportunity to really connect with the countryside and the rural 'good life', discover the world of farming and enjoy the fruits of all that farming labour through the best of Scottish food and drink.

With excellent transport links (the days of gridlocked traffic are long gone) and parking for more than 20,000 vehicles there's no excuse not to attend – especially as children aged 15 and under go free!







## Over a thousand beef and dairy cattle with nearly twenty breeds on display makes for an impressive sight.

Take a seat in the grandstand to watch the finest, award-winning animals in Scotland on parade. Or wander through the cattle shed - you might even get to see a calf or two-and chat to the farmers who enjoy simply talking about their animals.

Or, if you prefer a bit of action, we suggest you visit the MacRobert Theatre to see the sheep shearing competition in progress. Taking place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the competition attracts world-class shearers striving to be the best in show. You will be amazed by their skills, speed and dexterity.







From rugged
little Shetlands to
giant Clydesdales,
around 2,500
horses make their
way to the show
each year from
all over the UK
and Ireland.

In show jumping, top riders compete for £45,000 in prize money over a wide range of specially constructed courses, some featuring Scotland's only permanent builtin water jump. This is Scotland's largest and most prestigious equestrian event.

Not to be missed are the stunning heavy horse turnouts, in which draught horses and their vehicles parade together in singles or teams.

They compete each day and the ground resonates with the thunder of hooves as these exquisite animals pass by.

## Scotland's larder

There is an abundance of food and drink for you to enjoy at the Royal Highland Show. It's arguably the top exhibition for Scottish produce in the world, along with speciality foods from across Great Britain.

There are prize-winning cheeses and ice creams, ethically farmed fish, mouthwatering meat, not forgetting porridge, pies, herbs, biscuits, toffees, chocolate, shortbread and, of course, whisky. With over one hundred exhibitors to try, your tastebuds will be tingling!







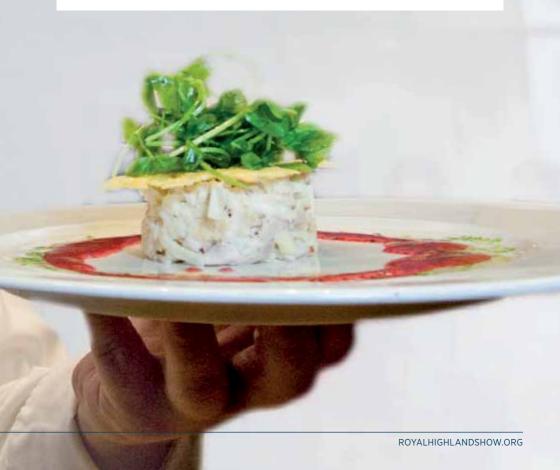




The cookery theatre offers a packed four days of free masterclasses hosted by chefs and restaurateurs from across the country. Learn the tips of the trade and watch the professionals at work creating delicious food from some of the best ingredients to be found anywhere in the world.

#### Our commitment to food quality

This year, the Show will join other iconic events being held in Scotland, such as the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, in promoting a Food Charter. The Show has worked with its on-site caterers and food partners to make sure that the standard of food on offer to you, should you fancy a bite to eat, is of the highest quality and sourced primarily from the best of Scotland's larder.



## Discover the world of farming

We welcome over 35,000 schoolchildren each year and the show is very much focused on creating engaging platforms for our younger visitors to learn about farming and food.

Run by the Royal Highland Education Trust, the Children's Discovery Centre has so much to do for all ages including: milking the 'cow', butter making, learning about bees, a special cookery theatre and lots more.

And remember, children 15 and under go free.



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## A breath of fresh air

With its own loch and stunning landscaping, the Countryside area features demonstrations and events reflecting a wide range of country sports, activities and rural skills.

With a packed programme, over all four days, we will introduce you to The Ben Potter Eagle & Vulture Display Team, the Totally Terriers Event Display Team and Mordor Gun Dogs.

You will have the opportunity to test your stamina over the Army's assault course, try your skills on the mountain biking track and 'ZORB' on the loch.

To stimulate your mind, there are exhibitions on the archaeology of Scotland, survival techniques, the importance of bees and the versatility of honey.

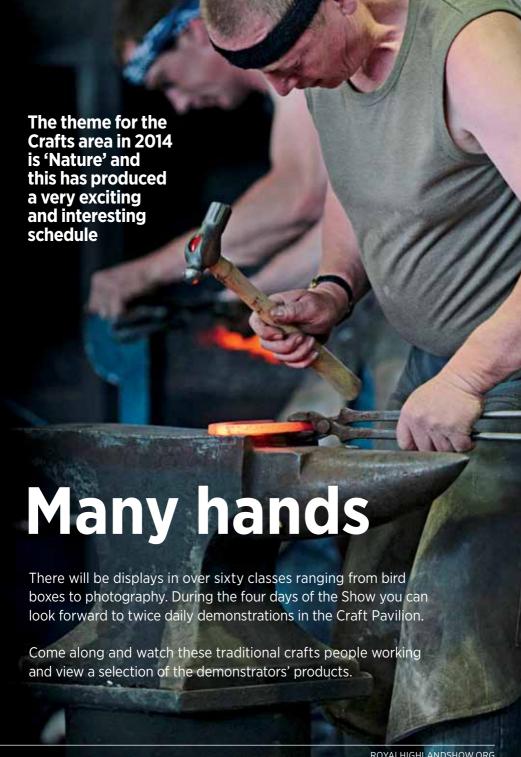
With willow weaving, bagpipe making, woodturning and a living history display of clan life from the 16th century, it all adds up to an unmissable part of Royal Highland Showtime.

## The skirl of the pipes

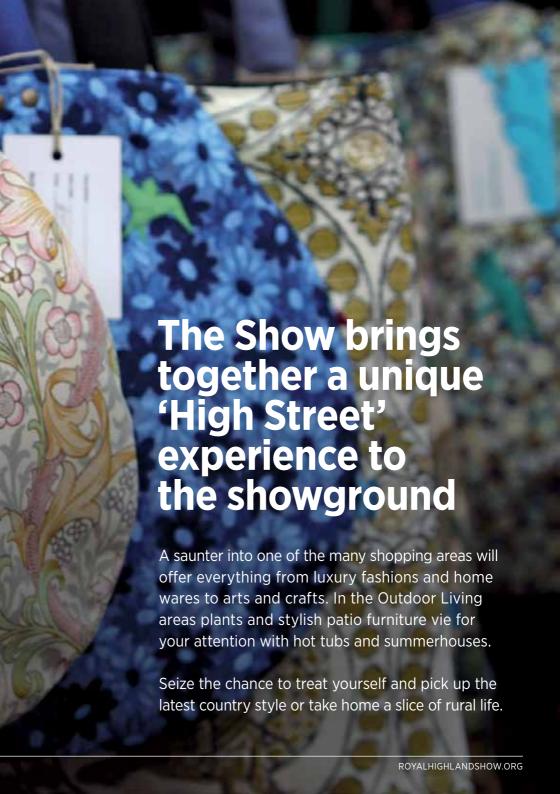
From ceilidh to country, traditional pipes and drums to traditional jazz, a full programme of entertainment takes place on various stages throughout the showground.

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers will be making their first appearance at the show this year, bringing with them their unique 'bagrock' sound. Sit back, relax and enjoy the festival atmosphere with a cool glass of something delicious.









#### Royal Highland Show 19-22 June 2014



#### **Tickets**

Adults: £22.00\*

Concession: £18.00\*
\*Transaction fee applies, £1 per order

Tickets are valid for a Single Admission and can be used on any ONE show day.

#### **Children Go Free**

Children aged 15 or under will be admitted free of charge as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult.

#### **Carers' Tickets**

Visitors who are registered as disabled who purchase a ticket can bring along a carer to the show free of charge. Carers' can collect their tickets from the ticket office when they arrive.

To buy tickets in advance, obtain relevant travel information, (including details of the dedicated public transport service from the centre of Edinburgh) and find out everything you need to know about this year's Royal Highland Show please visit **www.royalhighlandshow.org** 





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