

# Escape To A ...

## Highland Hideaway

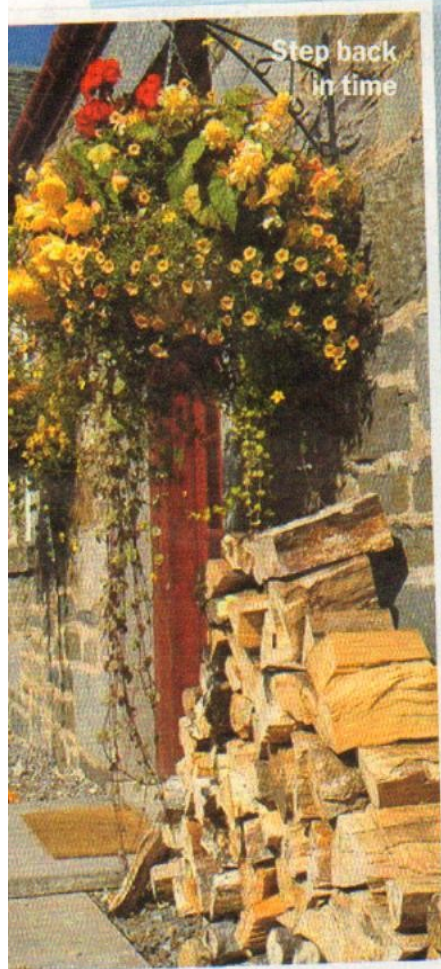
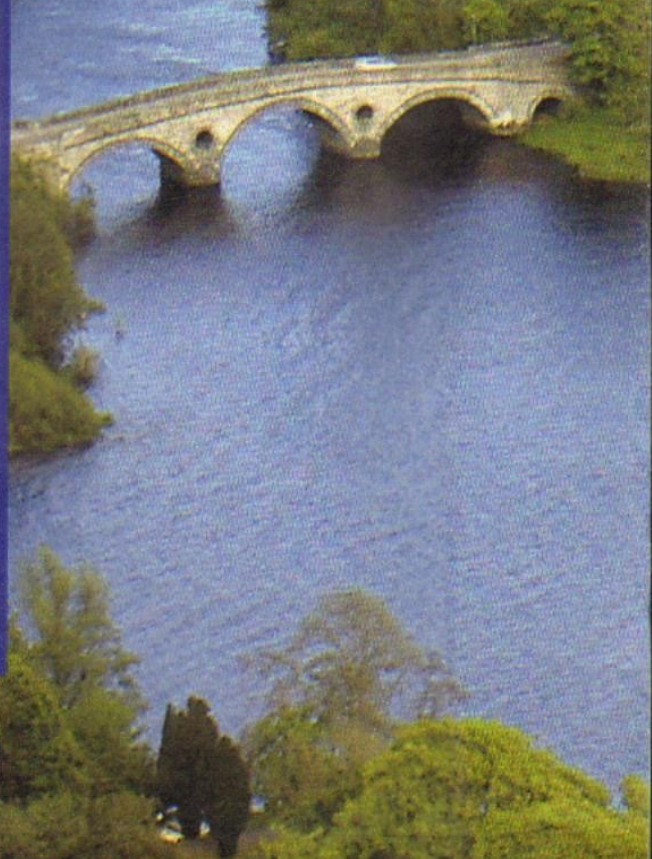
Enjoy your own piece of heaven tucked into the serene Scottish hills – but just an hour from the busy main centres of Edinburgh and Glasgow

**F**inding the balance between enjoying peace and tranquillity and finding enough to do to make a holiday interesting can sometimes be a challenge. There's a special part of Scotland where there's something in the crystal clear air that induces an easier pace away from the hustle and bustle that's everywhere! Walkers of all abilities can enjoy simple tracks or head for more remote areas, just a short drive away.

### Perfect Perthshire

Situated in the very heart of Scotland, Perthshire is a beautiful place to base yourself to get to know the country. Most of Perthshire is little more than one hour by road or rail from Glasgow or Edinburgh but the stunning scenery, quaint towns and villages and lochs and rivers make it a world apart. It's an area steeped in history and folklore. Take a detour off the main roads and you'll discover a land that time forgot.

Places worth a visit include Aberfeldy which has perfect shops and plenty of places to eat, stunning Loch Tay and dramatic Glen Lyon. The two top destinations for golfers and golf lovers, Gleneagles and St Andrews, are less than an hour's drive away.



Step back in time

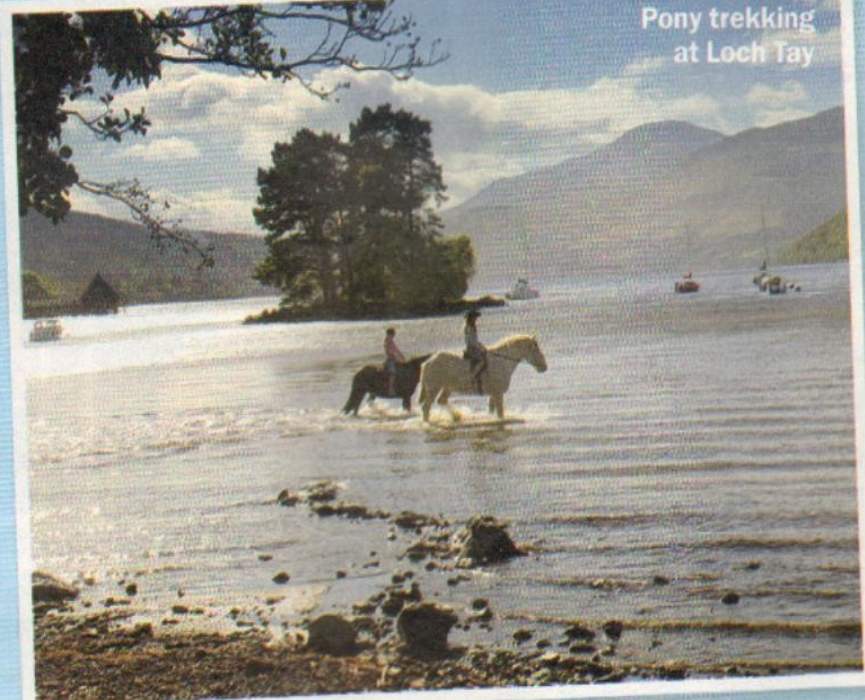
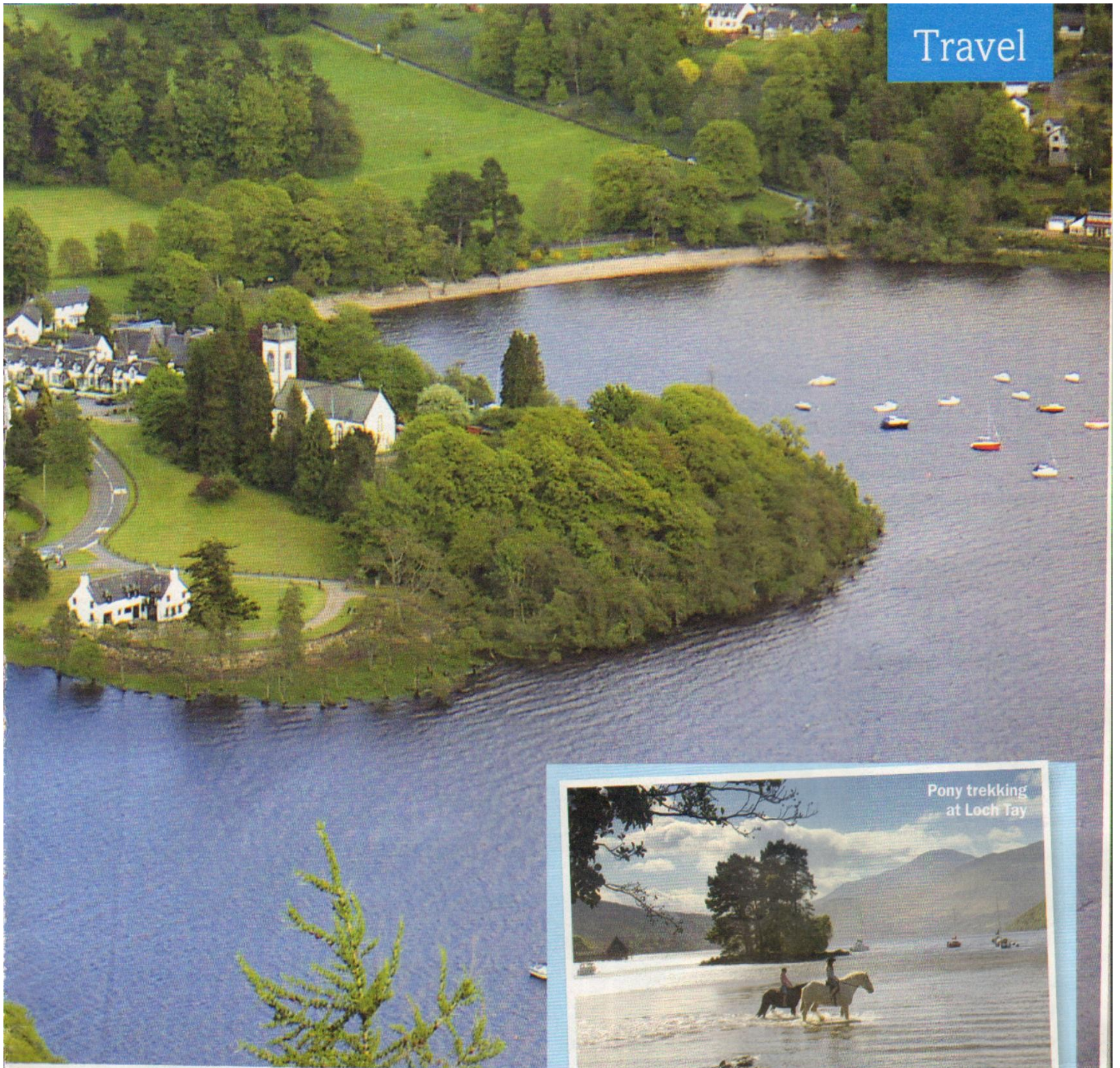
### The Best Of Village Life

The village of Kenmore makes the most of its waterside location on the banks of Loch Tay. When the salmon fishing season opens on January 15 each year, there are always grand celebrations to enjoy. Boats can be rented at various points around the eastern end of the loch and an impressive outdoor pursuits centre offers instruction in a range of outdoor activities, from water-skiing to hillwalking. For an all weather attraction, the Scottish Crannog Centre has an authentic reconstruction of a Bronze Age defensive house, perched above the loch on stilts.

Idyllic location - beautiful Kenmore



Luxury at Mains of Taymouth



Pony trekking at Loch Tay

## A Perfect Home From Home

To enjoy a taste of Scottish village life, Mains of Taymouth Country Estate is an award winning holiday retreat set in 120 acres of rolling Perthshire countryside. There's a wide range of self catering accommodation in tastefully designed cottages, bothies, stables and courtyard buildings. Discreetly tucked into the hillside, the architect-designed holiday cottages are fitted out to the highest specifications and chances are that, once you've settled in, you'll not want to leave.

If you want to be active there's pony-trekking, the resort's own 9-hole golf course, white water rafting, windsurfing, fishing as well as mountain bike trails to enjoy. An on-site restaurant offers delicious food from bar snacks to fine dining.

[www.taymouth.co.uk](http://www.taymouth.co.uk) 01887 830226

## Homecoming Scotland 2009

Homecoming Scotland is an events programme celebrating Scotland's contribution to the world, taking place during 2009, the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Ayrshire-born poet, Robert Burns. Throughout the year a spectacular calendar of more than 200 special events will celebrate the National Bard as will other less famous Scots like John Muir, hailed as "the father of modern conservation" as well as Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the groundbreaking architect and designer, to name but two from history. There will be Highland Games with competing pipe bands and dancers, as well as ancestral and clan events. Whisky trails will be highlighted with exhibitions and concerts to enjoy throughout the land.

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