



### *Crowning Joy*

## Exploring the Crown Chakra of the British Isles

14-19 May 2017

led by Peter & Sarah Dawkins

*Macdonald Pittodrie House, Chapel of Garioch, Inverurie AB51 5HS, Scotland*

During this week we will explore the crown chakra area of the British Isles that is located in the Aberdeenshire part of north-east Scotland, taking an initiatic and geocosmological journey into the mystery of the landscape and celebrating the joy of crowning achievements and consciousness. It will mark the culmination of our journey up the British Isles chakra system, and thus is a time for celebration and thanksgiving whilst enjoying the beauty of the landscape, the challenge of the heights, and the comfort of a fine hotel.



We will be staying in the Macdonald Pittodrie House Hotel, a listed historic building which is one of the best 4-star hotels in the Aberdeen area, having extensive gardens and woodland set within a 2,400 acre estate. Wonderful views of the surrounding mountains can be seen from the hotel, including Bennachie Mountain and Mither Tap with its Pictish fort on the summit, which are within walking distance from the hotel. Not far away is the magnificent Maiden Stone, a carved Pictish symbol stone that shows the area had high status residents from an early date, whilst a little further away is the Tap O'Noth Mountain, crowned with a major Pictish fort, which forms the central focus of the crown chakra of the British Isles landscape temple.



In the early 1300s King Robert the Bruce granted the lands here to the Erskine family, who built a castle nearby known as Maiden Castle. In about 1480, after the castle had been destroyed by fire, Pittodrie House was built by the Erskines as an L-plan tower house, to which various improvements were made over the following four centuries. In 1896 the shipping magnate George Smith bought the house, and in 1977 his grandson Theo Smith opened it as a hotel. A major extension to the rear of the existing house was built in 1989, in a style which complements the older parts of the building and with a ballroom suite on the ground floor. The public rooms include a beautifully furnished drawing-room, a fine dining room, an Orangery, a snug bar, a library and a billiard room. We will be using the billiard room as our own private meeting room during our stay.



The week will include travelling to various places in the area by car, with some hill walking/climbing (optional), including to the summit of Tap O'Noth, plus attunements, meditations, celebrations, talks, discussions and Paneurhythmy. Besides Tap O'Noth, other places to be visited by car or on foot include Bennachie, Mither Tap, the Easter Aquhorthies stone circle and the Maiden Stone.

This 'Crowning Joy' mystery school week will be the last in a seven-year series of Zoence Mystery School weeks visiting in turn each of the major chakras, from root to crown, of the British Isles landscape temple.



### Cost

£850 shared accommodation

£890 single accommodation

*Cost of the event will include 5 days/nights full board (lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast), coffee/tea refreshments, and all organisation, teaching, guidance and leadership. All other costs, such as travel to, from and during the event, will need to be covered by each participant as the week progresses. (\*Travel during the event will be by private car, the arrangements for which each person attending will be responsible. Help can be given in organising this if required.)*

### Accommodation Venue

Macdonald Pittodrie House, Chapel of Garioch, Inverurie AB51 5HS, Scotland

<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-pittodrie-house/>

Road: 5 miles from A96

Rail: 6.1 miles from Inverurie Rail Station

Air: 17.8 miles (20 mins) from Aberdeen Airport

### Start and End Times

The event will begin at 4:00pm on Sunday 14 May and end after breakfast on Friday 19 May, 2017.

*(Earliest hotel check-in: 2:00pm. Latest hotel check-out: 11:00am.)*

### Further Information

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