

WELCOME TO EDINBURGH!

The Local Organizing Committee is looking forward to welcoming you soon!
Please find below some useful information for your stay in Edinburgh.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

The Exchange, 150 Morrison St, Edinburgh EH3 8EE, T:+44 (0) 131 300 3000

The Council and Committee meetings (by invitation only) on Wednesday (26 June) will take place at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa.

The Workshops on Wednesday (26 June) afternoon and the Conference on Thursday 27 June and Friday 28 June will be held at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).

Please kindly note that no shuttle service will be provided between the hotels and the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

The desk for registration and distribution of documents will be in the **Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), on Level 0** and will be open as follows:

Tuesday 25 June	14:00-20:00
Wednesday 26 June	08:00-20:00
Thursday 27 June	08:00-18:30
Friday 28 June	08:00-18:00

FINAL PROGRAMME

A limited quantity of Final Programme brochures (in printed format) will be available from the registration desk.

PARTICIPANTS LIST

Due to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Participants list will be available at the registration desk on request only.

PHOTOGRAPHS

It will be necessary for participants who did not provide consent during registration for their photographs to be taken during the event to wear a red lanyard at all times, so as to enable the photographer to easily identify them. These will be distributed during on-site registration.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Conference Venue provides free WLAN for all delegates. The details are as follows:

Network/user name: delegate
Password: haymarket

HOTEL

Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa
Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh Haymarket
Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel (formerly Hilton)
The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre
The Bonham Hotel Edinburgh
The Principal Edinburgh George Street
Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel
(formerly Principal Edinburgh Charlotte Square)
Adagio Aparthotel Edinburgh Royal Mile
Apex Grassmarket
Apex City of Edinburgh
Apex Waterloo

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

from 15:00 / until 12:00
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from 15:00 / until 11:00
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Please note, that if you have booked your accommodation through ECTA, you will have to settle the corresponding charges upon departure. Any extras will also have to be settled before you leave.

MAP

For a map of all hotels and evening venues please see [here](#).

DATES

The ECTA Conference will take place from Wednesday 26 June to Saturday 29 June 2019. ECTA Council and Committee Meetings will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2019.

BADGE

Delegates and guests are requested to wear their identification badges at all times during the event.

Please wear your badge when using the shuttle buses for the dinners and excursions as this will be your identification to enter the bus.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the ECTA Conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be offered.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ECTA requests that during the entire Conference period (Wednesday 26 June to Saturday 29 June 2019) no other non-official Conference events should be arranged.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to the Conference Organizer at registration@ecta.org. From 16 May 2019, in the event of cancellation, no refunds can be made.

Hotel cancellations should be made directly with the hotels.

EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

ECTA is an authorized course provider namely:

- UK Solicitors Regulation Authority Accredited (ref. DBL/ECTA), UK
- UK Bar Standards Board Accredited, UK
- CNF (Consiglio Nazionale Forense) (time sheet has to be completed), IT
- Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (time sheet has to be completed), IT
- Swedish IP Attorney Association, SE
- Romanian Bar Association (a participation certificate should be filed), RO
- French Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI), FR
- German Bar Association in principle appropriate to 15FAO (ultimately a matter for the respective Bar Association), DE

ECTA constantly provides high level educational content sessions during the Annual Conference for attendees working in various fields of trade mark and design law. Please check with your local authorities if these sessions are recognized as credit point granters in your respective country. Kindly sign the relevant attendance register available at the Registration desk. Certificates of attendance will be available upon request after the Conference from the ECTA Secretariat ecta@ecta.org.

For Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale and CNF, (Consiglio Nazionale Forense) Italy it is important to record your incoming and outgoing times for the morning and afternoon sessions by signing the attendance sheet. Certificates of attendance will be available upon request after the meeting.

LUNCH VENUES

Lunch on 26 June is by invitation only for Council and Committee Members and will take place in the Atrium Area of the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa.

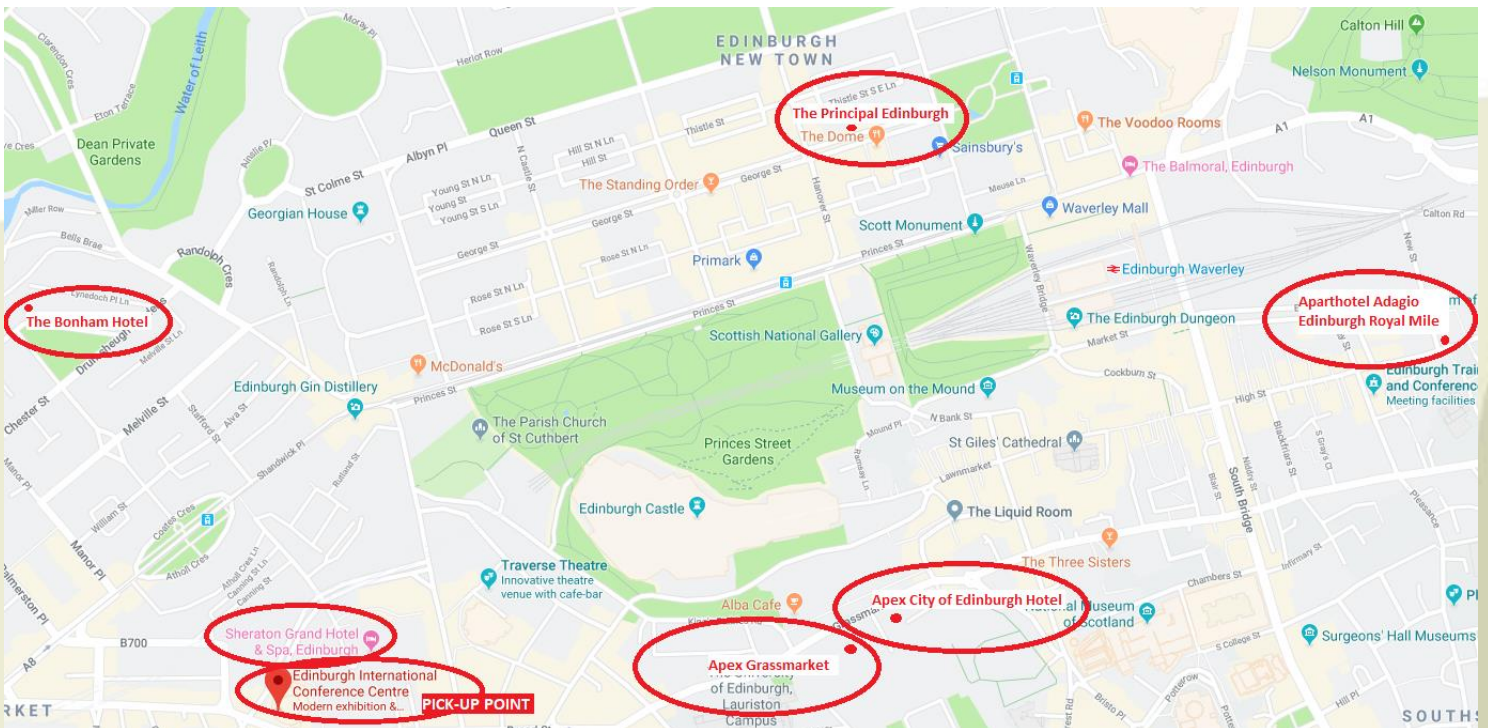
Lunches on 27 & 28 June will be half standing & half seated and will take place in the Cromdale Hall, in the EICC.

EVENING COACH TRANSFERS TO AND FROM THE EVENING VENUES

ECTA will provide evening transfers from the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) to the evening venues, and back to the city center.

Pick-up point and drop off points map:

(You can find *all* the venues and hotels on this [map](#))



26 June / Dynamic Earth (2.4 km from the EICC)

from EICC to Dynamic Earth

Pick up from EICC

from 19.15 until 19.45

Pick up from Dynamic Earth

from 21.30, then every 15 min until 23.15

COACH STOPS

STOP 1 / City Centre (Grassmarket)

Drop-off Apex Grassmarket, 31-35 Grassmarket, Edinburgh

Walking distance Apex City of Edinburgh, 61 Grassmarket, Edinburgh (2 min)

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (6 min)

Adagio Aparthotel Edinburgh Royal Mile (14 min)

NOTE:

Delegates staying at the Adagio might want to walk from Dynamic Earth directly (8 min only)

STOP 2 / Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa

Drop-off Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, 1 Festival Square Edinburgh

Walking distance The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (7 min)

Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh Haymarket (8 min)

Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel (9 min)

NOTE:

Delegates staying at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel might want to walk from STOP 2 as the hotel is situated between STOP 1 and STOP 2.

STOP 3 / The Bonham Hotel

Drop-off The Bonham Hotel Edinburgh, 35 Drumsheugh Gardens

Walking distance Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel (9 min)

STOP 4 / The Principal Edinburgh George Street

Drop-off The Principal Edinburgh, 19-21 George St.

Walking distance APEX Waterloo (9 min)

27 June / Hopetoun House (ca. 20 km from the EICC)

from EICC to Hopetoun House

Pick up from EICC from 19:00 until 19:30

Pick up from Hopetoun House from 21:30 until 23:15

COACH STOPS

STOP 1 / Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa

Drop-off: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, 1 Festival Square Edinburgh

Walking distance The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (7 min)

Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh Haymarket (8 min)

Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel (9 min)

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Drop-off The Bonham Hotel Edinburgh, 35 Drumsheugh Gardens

Walking distance Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel (9 min)

STOP 3 / The Principal Edinburgh George Street

Drop-off The Principal Edinburgh, 19-21 George St.

Walking distance APEX Waterloo (9 min)

STOP 4-5 / City Centre (Grassmarket)

Drop-off Apex Grassmarket, 31-35 Grassmarket, Edinburgh

Walking distance Apex City of Edinburgh, 61 Grassmarket, Edinburgh (2 min)

Adagio Aparthotel Edinburgh Royal Mile (14 min)

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (6 min)

NOTE: Delegates staying at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel might want to walk from STOP 1 as the hotel is situated between STOP 1 and STOP 4-5.

28 June / National Museum of Scotland (1.7 km from EICC)

from EICC to the National Museum of Scotland

Pick up from EICC

Pick up from the National Museum of Scotland

from 19:20 until 19.50

from 22:30, then every 30 min. until
02:15

COACH STOPS

STOP 1 / City Centre (Grassmarket)

Drop-off Apex Grassmarket, 31-35 Grassmarket, Edinburgh

Walking Distance Apex City of Edinburgh, 61 Grassmarket, Edinburgh (2 min)

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (6 min)

Adagio Aparthotel Edinburgh Royal Mile (14 min)

NOTE: Delegates staying at the Adagio might want to walk from National Museum of Scotland directly (9 min only)

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Drop-off Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, 1 Festival Square Edinburgh

Walking distance The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre (7 min)

Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh Haymarket (8 min)

Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel (9 min)

NOTE: Delegates staying at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel might want to walk from STOP 2 as the hotel is situated between STOP 1 and STOP 2.

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Walking distance APEX Waterloo (9 min)

EVENING EVENTS & DRESS CODE

20.00-23.00 Wednesday, 26 June 2019 - Welcome Cocktail Reception at Dynamic Earth

Address: Holyrood Rd, Edinburgh

Dynamic Earth is a visitor attraction and a conference and event venue by day, while at night it transforms into a unique and exciting evening venue. The striking building with its magnificent translucent roof and glass walls is set against the dramatic backdrop of Salisbury Crags on the edge of Holyrood Park.

Dress-code: Smart casual

Note: A connecting terrace is available during the event. Please keep the assumably chilly evening temperature in mind.

20.00-23.00 Thursday, 27 June 2019 - Buffet at Hopetoun House

Address: Queensferry, South Queensferry

Secluded with 100 acres of landscaped gardens, Hopetoun House is widely considered Scotland's finest stately home. Hopetoun has been the ancestral home of the Hope family for over 300 years; the present Earl of Hopetoun lives in the house with his wife Lady Hopetoun and their four children. The 4th Marquess of Linlithgow (the head of the family and Lord Hopetoun's father) lives on the estate. From the first breath-taking glimpse of the grand façade of the House to the last fond farewell, Hopetoun is certain to capture your imagination. The magnificent house and grounds create a dramatic and impressive setting and ensure an unforgettable experience.

Dress-code: Smart casual, Scottish trews for gentlemen and Scottish sash for ladies are welcome. High heels are not recommended due to uneven surfaces.

Note: During the event guests will have the chance to visit several parts of the property. The event areas are in-doors with an open-air courtyard. Please keep the assumably chilly evening temperature in mind.

On Page 16 detailed information can be found about the climate.



19.30-02.00 Friday, 29 June 2019 - Gala Dinner at the National Museum of Scotland

Address: Chambers St, Edinburgh

With its soaring pillars and high windows, the light-filled atrium of the Grand Gallery is one of Scotland's most beautiful spaces and provides a spectacular setting for dinner. The dramatic objects on display – from a huge 12-foot long South Pacific feast bowl to a nineteenth-century lighthouse lens – provide a vivid introduction to the National Museum of Scotland and the rich and diverse collection housed there. Rising up through the four storeys of the Grand Gallery, the Window on the World is the largest single museum installation in the UK. The display celebrates the variety and scope of the Museum, showcasing a spectacular array of over 800 objects drawn from a wide range of cultures and disciplines, from tiny glass sculptures to a girder from the original Tay Bridge, from whale bone scrimshaw to Art Nouveau design.

Dress-code: Cocktail or evening dress, Scottish kilt or trows for gentlemen and Scottish sash for ladies are welcome.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you have informed us of special dietary requirements beforehand, please be advised that meals (except for the gala dinner and Saturday excursion) will be labelled or the venue will provide an area for special dietary requirements in order that you can make a selection that meets your requirements.

When registering on-site you will be provided with cards for the gala dinner and Saturday excursion if you have booked one, which we kindly ask you to place on the table so that the waiters are aware of your dietary requirements. If you will not receive a card for the gala dinner and / or Saturday excursion if you have booked one, this means that the menu meets your dietary requirements.

Kindly note that we are unable to guarantee special menus if we were not informed at least 2 weeks in advance of the Conference.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, MOBILITY

All of the venues are wheelchair accessible.



PARTICIPANTS LIST & SPEAKERS ABSTRACTS

The participants list is available on the Smartphone application and a pdf version is available on request to registration@ecta.org.

Speakers abstracts (where available) are available at <http://conference.ecta.org/speakers/> and [on the Smartphone app](#).

EXHIBITORS

We invite you to visit the Exhibitors, Corsearch, SMD Group, Markify, IPPro, WIPO, WiseTime, Fovea IP, CompuMark and SnapDragon located in Cromdale Hall on level -2 at the EICC.

ECTA CONFERENCE SMARTPHONE APPLICATION



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Business

A mobile app has been built for ECTA 38th Annual Conference! It has all the important information you will need for the event.

By using the application, you will be able to search for **Attendees** by name and/or country, **Network** and **Chat** with fellow delegates, manage your **Personal Agenda and Profile** details, keep track of last-minute changes, find **Speakers biographies and abstracts (where available)**, **Exhibitors**, **Media Partners** and much more!

Step 1: Download the App!

The first thing you will need to do is download the app from the app store / Google store on the device you're bringing to the event.

PLEASE REFER TO THE E-MAIL INVITATION AND SELECT 'DOWNLOAD THE APP'. If you have not receive an invitation please contact ecta@ecta.org.

Step 2: Verify Your Account

Using the same device from Step 1, click **Verify Account in the e-mail** to unlock all of the app's advanced features.

Event Password: Edinburgh19

If you don't have iOS or Android, skip Step 1 and go straight to Step 2 to verify your account and use the mobile web version of the app.

EXCURSIONS

Thursday and Friday

There will be no pre-organized tours offered for Thursday and Friday this year. However, a local travel agent will be at your disposal at the registration counter at the EICC to offer the possibility of booking tours.

For detailed description of the excursions offered please see the Annex to this document.

Should you have any questions or require assistance regarding the tours, please contact the Local Organising Agency at gi@casheltravel.com.

SATURDAY EXCURSIONS

Saturday excursions can be booked and paid online during the registration process before 24 June 2019.

Should you wish to book a tour for a child up to 15 years old, please contact the Conference Secretariat at registration@ecta.org

Requests after 31 May 2019 or on-site will be accepted upon availability and with a 20% administration surcharge.

Comfortable shoes and umbrella are highly recommended.

*Pick up for the Saturday tours is at the lobby of Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa
1 Festival Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9SR*

Children up to 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

HALF DAY PROGRAMME

WALKING TOUR OF OLD AND UNDERGROUND EDINBURGH

Roads in the city centre are uphill, uneven and cobbled. Not suitable if you have difficulties in walking.

Mary King's Close: the tour is not suitable for children under 5 years of age for safety reasons. No child under 5 years will be admitted.

Pick up: 10:00 at the lobby of Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

Lunch will be served in a local restaurant.

Return: 15:00 to the Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

The discovery of Scotland's historic capital starts from its vibrant heart: the Royal Mile, which runs through the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, connecting the magnificent Castle, with the splendid Palace of Holyroodhouse. The Mile is overlooked by impressive tenements, between which cobbled closes and narrow stairways interlock to create a secret underground world. A tour of the castle will allow you to explore its complex building history and its treasures: the Honours (Crown Jewels) of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, the famous 15th century gun Mons Meg, the One O'Clock Gun and the National War Museum of Scotland. You will unlock the secrets of Edinburgh's only preserved 17th century street through the visit to Mary King's Close, discovering the stories of the people who lived, worked, and died here. Right after, enjoy a local lunch in one of the central eateries to appreciate the culinary wonders of the Scottish capital.

FULL DAY PROGRAMMES

DISCOVER SCOTLAND: BANNOCKBURN, STIRLING AND A DRAM OF WHISKY

Some of the roads are uphill, uneven and cobbled.

Glenturret Distillery: Children under 8 years old are welcome in the shop and café, but not permitted in the production areas.

Pick up: 09:30 at the lobby of Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

Lunch will be served in a local restaurant in Stirling

Return: 18:00-18:30 to the Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

After departing the hotel, we begin discovering the history of Scotland through the actions of its famous King - Robert the Bruce - and the battle that changed its history forever in June 1314: the Battle of Bannockburn. After a photo stop at the field, the visit will continue to one of the most important castles of Scotland, Stirling Castle. Several Scottish Kings and Queens have been crowned at Stirling, including Mary Queen of Scots in 1542. After lunch, the tour will continue to Crieff, in the heart of Perthshire, where the famous Glenturret Distillery is located. Making whisky by hand and by heart since 1775, you will experience the traditional handmade distilling processes that have been used to craft the whiskies at Glenturret Distillery for generations. Discover how the distillery's Glenturret single malt is carefully blended with other grain and malt whiskies to create one of the UK's most popular blended whiskies, The Famous Grouse, and enjoy a dram in the beautiful natural setting of the Distillery before returning to Edinburgh.

**TRADITIONAL & MODERN SCOTLAND: A DAY IN ST ANDREWS AND DUNDEE
WITH A VISIT OF THE NEW V&A MUSEUM**

Some of the roads are uphill, uneven and obbled, which might affect people with walking difficulties. Please be aware that the travelling time of this tour is approx. 2 hours each way.

Pick up: 09:45 at the lobby of Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

Lunch will be served in a local restaurant in St. Andrews

Return: 18:15-18:30 to the Sheraton Grand Hotel & SPA

After departing from the hotel, we will cross the iconic 3 bridges in Queensferry and reach the Kingdom of Fife to discover one of the most visited towns of Scotland: St. Andrews. St. Andrews is known worldwide as the home of golf, and also boasts Scotland's oldest university. The Medieval centre consists of a series of narrow alleys and cobbled streets with shops, restaurants and cafés. We will explore the castle and the now ruined cathedral. After lunch, we will depart to Dundee to discover Scotland's first design museum and latest world-class visitor attraction: the brand new V&A Museum. It features permanent displays showcasing the very best design from around the world, within the breathtaking surroundings of renowned architect Kengo Kuma's first British building.

TRAVEL TO EDINBURGH

INSURANCE

Participants are strongly advised to arrange personal travel insurance in case they must cancel their participation in the Conference. This insurance should cover Conference registration fees, hotel accommodation as well as other risks associated with travel.

EDINBURGH AIRPORT

Edinburgh Airport is in the west of Edinburgh. It's located approx. 30-40 minutes drive from the city centre. You can travel from the airport to the city centre by tram, bus, taxi or car. Visit Edinburgh Airport [https:// www.edinburghairport.com/ transport-links](https://www.edinburghairport.com/transport-links) for information.

TAXIS

Taxis generally accept all major credit cards. At the airport: Taxis and private hire vehicles are located on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park opposite to the main terminal building. City Cabs provide „Black Cabs“ which do not need to be pre-booked and can seat 5-6 people with modest amounts of luggage. A journey to the city centre typically takes about 25 minutes and costs approx. £25.00. All taxis are wheelchair accessible.

TRAIN

Most train services to Edinburgh end at Edinburgh Waverley rail station. The rail station is at the east end of Princes Street in the city centre. Visit ScotRail [https:// www.scotrail.co.uk/](https://www.scotrail.co.uk/) for help planning a trip by train.

BUS

Most buses to Edinburgh arrive at the Edinburgh Bus Station. The bus station is on St. Andrew Square in the city centre.

Visit Traveline Scotland website <https://www.travelinescotland.com/> for help planning a trip by bus.

CAR

You can leave your car at a Park and Ride site and take a bus or train into the city centre. You may find the AA Route planner <http://www.theaa.com/route-planner/index.jsp> and the RAC Route planner <https://www.rac.co.uk/routeplanner/> useful for planning a trip by car.

PASSPORTS AND/OR VISA

EU Nationals may travel to the UK with no visa requirements. Citizens from the USA, South Africa, Australia or New Zealand do not require a visa to visit the UK. Citizens from other countries

require a visa which can be obtained from their nearest British Consular office. See <https://www.gov.uk/check-ukvisa>.

TIME DIFFERENCE

UK time is set on GMT – Greenwich Mean Time.

CLIMATE

We've all heard plenty of jokes about the Scottish weather - but most of them aren't true!

Scotland's climate is actually quite moderate and very changeable, although on occasion we get really hot or really cold weather. As the old Scottish saying goes, 'there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes!'

Despite being a relatively small country, one of the most surprising things about the Scottish climate is just how much it varies from one region to another. It's often the case that you can drive for 20 minutes and find that the conditions are completely different. The unpredictable nature of the climate means it's not uncommon to experience all four seasons in one day!

June, July and August are normally the warmest months in Scotland, with average maximum temperatures ranging from approximately 15°C (59°F) to 17°C (63 °F). Scotland's high latitude means that we enjoy lovely long summer days and often an extended twilight. At this time of year there is actually no complete darkness in the far north of Scotland and, with the extra hours of daylight, you can pack a lot into your visit.

ELECTRICITY

In Scotland power plugs and sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

We kindly ask all participants to bring a UK adapter along as the hotels and the Conference venue only have a limited number of these (adapter and USB chargers).



CURRENCY/EXCHANGE

The most common banknotes are £5, £10, £20, £50 and £100. The coins in circulation are 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 and £2. In Scotland Sterling banknotes issued both by the Bank of England and Scottish banknotes are used. Scottish banknotes will always be accepted in Scotland, but in some parts of the UK they are not as easily accepted. Therefore, we recommend that Scottish banknotes are used as much as possible while in Scotland and reserve the Bank of England pounds if you are planning to visit the rest of Britain.

CREDIT CARDS

All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

BANKS

Standard banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 - 9:30 until 15:30 - 16:00.

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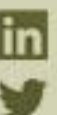
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ANNEX



Loch Ness, Glencoe and the Highlands

From £55.00

What's included?

- Knowledgeable Driver-Guide
- Luxury modern air-conditioned coach
- Written translations (on request)

Not included?

- Entrance to attractions
- Food and drink

The tour is not available for children under 5 years of age for insurance purposes.

Tour Details

Duration: 12 hrs 30 mins

From: Edinburgh

Departures: Daily

Leaves at: 08:00 | Returns by: 20:30

Departing from Edinburgh your Loch Ness tour travels northwest, passing the imposing Stirling Castle, before making your first stop at Kilmahog. Here you stop for some light refreshments and the chance to see some Highland cattle up close. You travel over the dramatic landscape of Rannoch Moor and the Black Mount to Glencoe, one of Scotland's most famous glens, site of the 1692 massacre of the Clan MacDonald. Here you pause for a photo stop, and to soak up the atmosphere in this haunting glen.

Continuing via Loch Linnhe, the Loch Ness tour will stop in the Fort William area for lunch then continue into the natural beauty of the Great Glen as you pass beneath Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Travelling on, you will admire the Caledonian Canal and the pretty village of Fort Augustus, enjoying spectacular views of Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle. Loch Ness, 24 miles long and over 700 feet deep, is most famous for its sightings of the Loch Ness monster, affectionately known as "Nessie". Spend approximately 2 hours at Loch Ness, where you can choose to take a wonderful 5 star 'Loch Ness by Jacobite' cruise and explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle, and learn of its history inside the modern visitor centre. Passing through Inverness, Capital of the Highlands, the Loch Ness tour will start its return for home, crossing the Grampian Mountains and the woodland scenery of Perthshire, including the Forest of Atholl, with an evening refreshment stop at the Victorian resort town of Pitlochry, en route back to Edinburgh, where the Loch Ness tour ends.

Video: https://youtu.be/suoB7xf_n6s

West Highland Lochs, Mountains and Castles

From £47.00

What's included?

- Knowledgeable Driver-Guide
- Luxury modern air-conditioned coach
- Written translations (on request)

Not included?

- Entrance to attractions
- Food and drink

Tour Details

Duration: 9 hrs 45 mins

From: Edinburgh

Departures: Daily

Leaves at: 09:15 | Returns by: 19:00

From Edinburgh you travel west, passing the historic and imposing Stirling Castle, high on its volcanic rock, and on to a visit at the magnificent Doune Castle (which featured in the TV series Outlander & cult movie 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'). From there you will go into the Highlands, past the lovely Loch Lubnaig and up through impressive Glen Ogle, stopping nearby for lunch and beautiful views of the surrounding scenery.

After lunch you will go further into the Highlands, passing one of the most photographed castles in Scotland, Kilchurn Castle, jutting into beautiful Loch Awe and stunningly framed by the surrounding mountains. Then it's on to Inveraray, a quaint small town built in the mid-18th century, on the shore of Loch Fyne. Explore the town and pick up some Highland souvenirs, or pay an optional visit to Inveraray Castle (April to October only), the historic home of the Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell, which is set in large beautiful gardens overlooking Loch Fyne. On the way back, you will pass over the Arrochar Alps, an attractive range of mountains, with a brief pause near the top of the Rest and Be Thankful Pass. A little later you reach enchanting Loch Lomond, where you will stop at the pretty lochside village of Luss before returning to Edinburgh.

Video: https://youtu.be/C_FE4zHMEvE

The Ultimate Whisky Experience

From £40.00

What's included?

Knowledgeable Driver-Guide
Luxury, modern, air-conditioned coach
Written translations (on request)

Not included?

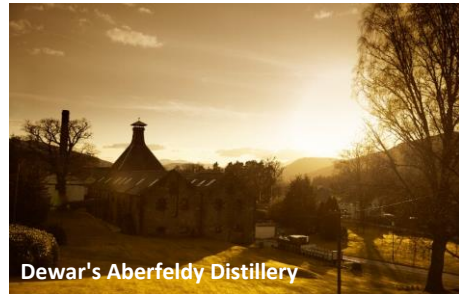
Entrance to attractions
Food and drink

The tour is not available for children under 5 years of age for insurance purposes.

Tour Details

Duration: 9 hrs 45 mins
From: Edinburgh
Departures: Tues, Thurs, Sat (Available from April 2019)
Leaves at: 08:45 | Returns by: 18:30

Departing Edinburgh, the Ultimate Whisky tour begins with a journey north to Kinross and to Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery for the first whisky themed stop of the day. Dewar's world-renowned crafted Highland Single Malt Aberfeldy whisky has been produced at Aberfeldy Distillery since 1898. You will spend 2 hours here for their Whisky and Chocolate tasting tour; comprising of a full guided tour of the distillery, warehouse and interactive heritage exhibition, and a tasting of Aberfeldy's 12 year old single malt whisky, the premium Dewar's 12 year old blended Scotch and super-premium Dewar's 18 year old blended Scotch, matched with chocolate sourced from a local chocolatier. The tour costs £23 for three whisky samples with paired chocolates. After a Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery tour, you continue to the village of Aberfeldy for lunch. Spend time here exploring its streets, enjoy the scenery with plenty of time to grab a bite to eat before your whisky tour continues to Loch Lubnaig, and then to Deanston Distillery. Located on the River Teith, Deanston Distillery was a cotton mill for over 180 years and has been distilling whisky using traditional methods since the 1960s. You will stop here to enjoy a whisky tasting at £13 and enjoy some refreshments in the cafe. Your final stop of the day is a short photo break at Doune Castle (famous for its appearances in Outlander, Game of Thrones and Outlaw King) before you return to Edinburgh where the Ultimate Whisky tour ends.



Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery



Deanston Distillery



Rosslyn Chapel, the Scottish Borders and Glenkinchie Distillery

From £40.00

What's included?

Knowledgeable Driver-Guide
Luxury, modern, air-conditioned coach
Written translations (on request)

Not included?

Entrance to attractions
Food and drink

Tour Details

Duration: 7 hrs 45 mins
From: Edinburgh
Departures: Mon, Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun (Available from April 2019)
Leaves at: 09:15 | Returns by: 17:45

From your starting point by Edinburgh Castle, you head out of the city to the village of Roslin, making your first stop at Rosslyn Chapel. Described as the "Library in Stone", the inside walls of Rosslyn Chapel are covered in thousands of ancient carvings, each with a story of its own. You can also learn of the myths and legends surrounding the chapel, including tales of the Knights Templar. Rosslyn Chapel's worldwide fame increased thanks to "The Da Vinci Code", Dan Brown's blockbusting novel.

Leaving Rosslyn you continue into the heart of the Scottish Borders, an area rich in hills, valleys, rivers and moorland, as well as being the traditional home to Scottish rugby. You travel to the historic town of Melrose, birthplace of the game of Rugby Sevens and location of Melrose Abbey, founded in 660, said to be the burial place of the casket containing the heart of Robert the Bruce. Here you stop for lunch and have free time to explore Melrose and its Abbey.

On your return journey, you'll travel via St. Boswells and pause for a photo stop at Scott's View, where you can enjoy glorious scenic views. Your journey north takes us to Pencaitland, where you visit the charming Glenkinchie Distillery, one of few Lowland distilleries in Scotland for a whisky tour. Here you can enjoy "a tour and a taste", learn more about "the water of life" and sample some of Glenkinchie's finest malts. Then you'll return to Edinburgh.

Video: https://youtu.be/MISfwVVn_w4



Blair Atholl and the Central Highlands

From £40

What's included?

Knowledgeable Driver-Guide
Luxury, modern, air-conditioned coach
Written translations (on request)

Not included?

Entrance to attractions
Food and drink

Tour Details

Duration: 10 hrs
From: Edinburgh
Departures: Tues & Sun
Leaves at: 08:30 | Returns by: 18:30



Departing Edinburgh, your Central Highlands tour begins with a journey to the small town of Dunkeld in Perth and Kinross. Situated on the River Tay, its beautiful cathedral is worth a visit. Part church, part ruin, the cathedral features the tomb of the notoriously cruel 'Wolf of Badenoch'. Spend time here to explore the cathedral (free entry) and the picturesque town before you travel on to Blair Castle.

You travel further into the Central Highlands to the village of Blair Atholl in Perthshire. In the midst of the Grampian Mountains, its most famous feature is Blair Castle, one of Scotland's stately homes and the last castle to be besieged in 1746 during the last Jacobite rising. Spend two hours in Blair Atholl, enough time to explore its castle and beautiful gardens, or simply wander the town and enjoy some lunch.

After leaving Blair Atholl, your tour will pause for photos at Queen's View, a famous vantage point in Pitlochry with one of the most iconic panoramic views in Scotland, enjoyed by Queen Isabella and Queen Victoria. Afterwards, your Central Highlands Tour continues past Loch Tay to the Falls of Dochart; a beautiful waterfall that flows through the Highland town of Killin. You spend time here enjoying the atmospheric scenery before a short photo stop at Loch Lubnaig and onwards to the town of Callander.

Callander lies immediately south of the Highland boundary fault and is historically a meeting point between the Highlands and Lowlands. Take time to explore the Gateway to the Highlands and enjoy some refreshments before you make your journey home to Edinburgh, where your Central Highlands tour ends.