

Dear Colleague,

We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh for the Society of Clinical Surgery Annual Scientific Meeting, 5 – 7 September 2019.

Pre-meeting golf is taking place on Wednesday and Thursday. Those who have booked golf have received details of the arrangements. In summary, coaches will depart from the Radisson Collection Hotel at the following times:

Wednesday 4th September

Departure: There will be coach transfers departing from the hotel at **1100 hours**. Lunch will be served prior to the round of golf.

Lunch will be served on arrival at the club so we would recommend that you dress for the Club House (jacket & tie for men and equivalent for ladies).

Return: Coaches will return to the hotel at 1730 hours (approximately).

Thursday 5th September

Departure: There will be coach transfers departing from the hotel at **0700 and 0800 hours**, tee times will be allocated in advance. Please have breakfast at the hotel prior to departure as tee times are from 0830 hours.

Registration

Registration will take place in the foyer of the Radisson Collection from 1730 – 1845 hours on Thursday 5th September.

The address of the hotel is:

Radisson Collection Hotel, Royal Mile Edinburgh
1 George IV Bridge
Edinburgh EH1 1AD

Accessibility

The venues being used during the meeting are fully accessible, however if you do have any particular requirements please contact info@scs2019.org to ensure we can make the necessary arrangements.

For more information regarding access and facilities available in Edinburgh please contact any Tourist Information Centre or www.conventionedinburgh.com.

Bank Opening Hours and Banking Facilities

Generally, weekday opening hours for banks are 0930 – 1645 hrs. You will find branches of all the major high street banks in Edinburgh.

Car Parking

The Radisson Collection does not have a car park but it does have an agreement with a car park nearby.

Information for Speakers

Please bring presentations on a memory stick. Presentations can be loaded directly onto the laptop in the presentation rooms. Speakers are requested to arrive 30 minutes before the start of their session to load and check their presentations.

Insurance

All delegates are advised to take out their own travel and cancellation insurance as the organisers cannot accept any liability for accidents, illnesses or injuries that may occur at or during the Meeting, cancellation of bookings, theft or damage to belongings.

Internet access

Delegates will have access to complimentary Wi-Fi within the meeting venues.

Kilt Hire

For those who have hired a kilt or tartan sash through Reel Time Events, hires will be delivered to the Radisson Collection Hotel on Friday afternoon. Please collect your order from the registration desk in the foyer. Your order should be returned to the hotel Concierge on Saturday morning before you depart for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Should you have any queries about your hire garments please contact kilts@reel-time.co.uk.

Parking

The Radisson Collection Hotel does not have a car park, however you can park at the nearby Radisson Blu hotel. The cost is £12.50 per night.

Partner Programme

Partners are very welcome at the Meeting and are encouraged to join members for lunch on Friday at the Radisson Collection Hotel and on Saturday at the College of Surgeons. The evening social events will be a highlight and there will be lots of opportunity to give advice on options to visit local attractions in the immediate vicinity (see below).

On Friday morning, those partners wishing a leisurely start to the morning are welcome to join a group (led by Mandy Garden) departing from the Radisson Collection Hotel at 1020 to join the attendees for coffee and a visit to the University of Edinburgh Anatomy Museum before heading on to another Edinburgh visitor attraction as time allows.

On Saturday morning partners are welcome to join a group (led by Mandy Garden) departing from the Radisson Collection Hotel at 1030 hours to join attendees for coffee and the final presentations of the morning.

Passport and Visa

A valid passport or EU/EEA national identity card is required for entry into the United Kingdom. Participants from some countries (not USA) may require a visa for entry into the United Kingdom.

Post Office

Post Offices are usually open from 0900 – 1700 hours Monday to Friday and 0900 – 1230 hours on Saturday. Post Offices are closed on Sundays.

Registration Opening Times

Registration will take place in Radisson Collection Hotel Foyer on Thursday from 1700 hours – 1845 hours. Staff will be at the desk while activities are taking place at the hotel but will accompany the group to the other venues on Friday and Saturday morning.

When registering, you will be able to collect your name badge for the Meeting, which is necessary to gain access to all sessions.

Restaurants

Edinburgh offers many high quality restaurants. Professor Garden has listed a few of his favourites at the end of this letter. It is highly recommended that you book in advance.

Smoking

Smoking is banned in public places in the UK. The law applies to all enclosed or partly enclosed public areas. For more information please visit www.clearingtheairscotland.com.

Stores and Shopping

Stores in Edinburgh are generally open from 09:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs Monday – Wednesday and Friday – Saturday. Many larger department stores and boutiques are open until 19:00 hrs on Thursdays and from 11:00 – 16:00 hrs on Sundays.

Tipping

Tipping is not as widespread or regulated in the UK as it is in other parts of the world. Tipping is at your discretion, a reward for service. It is customary to tip hotel porters (£1.00 per piece of luggage) and taxis (10% of the fare). A gratuity of about 10% is usual in restaurants if good service is received and if it is not already included on the bill.

Time

During the Meeting, Scotland is in British Summer Time (BST) one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 1).

Tours and places to visit

The Radisson Collection Hotel is located in the centre of the city, making it easy to walk to many of the city's visitor attractions. It is a short walk to Edinburgh Castle, the Scotch Whisky Experience, the Museum of Scotland, St Giles Cathedral and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Rabbie's Tours offer a wide range of guided tours in and beyond Edinburgh. [Click here](#) to view options. We have negotiated a 10% discount for SCS members. The discount code is **ETD1444**.

If you are interested in Scottish textiles we'd recommend a visit to the Scottish Textiles Showcase which is currently taking place in the Tron Kirk on the Royal Mile. This is a beautifully curated selection of textile products including homeware and accessories, open from 1000 hours to 1900 hours.

Travel into Edinburgh

The Radisson Collection Hotel is located in the heart of the city, just off the Royal Mile, 13km (8 miles) from Edinburgh International Airport.

From Airport by Taxi

The quickest and most direct route from the airport will be by taxi. Edinburgh Airport taxis are available 24 hours a day to any destination and any distance. Taxi drivers are obliged to meter the entire journey and publish their scale of charges. A journey to the city centre typically takes about 25 minutes and approximate fare is £25 - £30.

Taxis and private hire vehicles are located on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park opposite the main terminal building.

From Airport by Tram

Trams offer a frequent and reliable service linking the airport and the city centre. Interchange with rail services is available at Edinburgh Park and Haymarket stations. The closest stop to the Radisson Collection is Princes Street. From Princes Street you can take a taxi or walk. The walk does include a fairly steep incline to the Royal Mile.

Full details can be found on the Edinburgh Trams website: <http://edinburghtrams.com/>

Frequency: approximately every 8-12 minutes

Journey time: average journey time 35 minutes

Fare: Adult single £6, adult return £8.50 (reductions for children)

Tickets can be purchased from the ticket machines at the tram stop.

[See how the trams integrate with buses from the airport](#)

By Train

Edinburgh has two railway stations – Waverley and Haymarket. Waverley is the closest to the hotel, approximately a 10 minute walk. Waverley is also the main station and has direct routes to many cities across the country, including over 25 daily departures to London. Exit Waverley via the Market Street opening, taxis are readily available. For more information on the rail network within the UK click here or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Useful Links

Edinburgh Tourist Board www.edinburgh.org
Scottish Tourist Board www.visitscotland.com
British Airport Authority, Edinburgh Airport www.baa.co.uk
Edinburgh Buses www.lothianbuses.co.uk
National Express www.nationalexpress.com
ScotRail www.firstgroup.com

We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting, however if there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Restaurant Recommendations

Favourite dining establishments – let me know if you find better!

- outstanding Michelin star food

Martin Wishart Restaurant - my favourite (20 minutes taxi from hotel)
<http://www.restaurantmartinwishart.co.uk>

Number One at the Balmoral (5 minute taxi -10 minutes walk)
<https://www.roccofortehotels.com/hotels-and-resorts/the-balmoral-hotel/restaurants-and-bars/number-one>

The Kitchin (20 minutes taxi)
<http://thekitchin.com>

21212 Restaurant (10 minute taxi)
<http://www.21212restaurant.co.uk>

- all outstanding quality dining

Castle Terrace (5 minute taxi – 10 minute walk)
<http://castleterracerestaurant.com>

The Honours (excellent grilled meat and fish, 10 minute taxi)
<http://www.thehonours.co.uk>

Ondine (excellent fish – next door to Radisson Collection Hotel)
<http://www.ondinerestaurant.co.uk>

Steak (great steak, 5 minute taxi – 10 minute walk)
<http://www.steakedinburgh.com>

Fishers in the City (informal, seafood restaurant, 10 minute taxi)

<http://www.fishersrestaurants.co.uk/fishers-in-the-city/>

Wedgewood The Restaurant (Scottish cuisine on the Royal Mile 5 minute walk, 2-5 minute taxi)

<http://www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk>

Café St Honore (a little bit of Paris in Edinburgh, 10 minute taxi)

<http://www.cafesthonore.com>

L'Escargot Bleu (more French in Edinburgh, 10 minute taxi)

<http://www.lescargotbleu.co.uk/#welcome>

L'Escargot Blanc (Bleu's sister restaurant, 10 minute taxi)

<http://www.lescargotblanc.co.uk/#welcome>