



## The Edinburgh Tattoo

2010 sees Scotland's colourful military musical spectacular celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. Against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, the world's most spectacular Tattoo will host a celebration of talent from four continents including pipers, gymnasts, singers, dancers and an amazing motorcycle display team. The emphasis is again very much on music with the event expected to delight an international crowd with its rich variety and it is the pipes and drums, which serve as the emotional core, the heart of the Tattoo which Scots, love fiercely and visitors quickly take to their own hearts. The Edinburgh Tattoo is one of the most spectacular shows in the world, enjoyed by an international television audience of 100 million, but there's no substitute for being there. Why not become part of the 217,000-strong audience over its three-week season on the Esplanade at Edinburgh Castle who don't simply watch the show but become a part of it. Book early, this tour is always a sellout!

 **3 DAYS**  
 Tour No 3010 6th- 8th August £ 219  
 Tour No 3011 13th - 15th August £ 219  
 No Single Room Supplement Tattoo Ticket £31.00 Insurance £11.00

### ITINERARY

**Friday**  
 We head north along the Motorway system to Gretna, then on to our Hotel at Perth in time to refresh ourselves before the evening meal.

Tattoo, after the show we will return to our Hotel, where refreshments will be provided for us.

**Saturday**  
 We make the one hour journey from Perth to Edinburgh where we will spend some time exploring this beautiful city. After time for lunch we will be met by our Blue Badge Guide for a tour by coach of the city. After the tour you will have more free time, before our coach takes us to the Castle for the

**Sunday**  
 We cross the Forth Bridge and drive past the Pentland Hills and the Tweed Valley before returning to Shropshire by the early evening.



**LOVAT HOTEL PERTH ★★★ 01738 636555**  
 The Lovat, with its friendly welcome and informal atmosphere, remains a popular Hotel offering real value for money. Comfortably appointed bedrooms, relaxing bars, lounge areas and emphasis on good traditional food assure clients of a pleasant relaxed stay. The Hotel does not have a Lift, but Ground Floor Rooms are Available. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Direct Dial Telephone, Hairdryer, Trouser Press and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

**Look What's Included!**

- Four Crown Commended.
- 2 Nights Bed, Breakfast and One Evening Meal.
- Supper on Saturday after Show.
- Edinburgh Guided Tour.
- Included Excursions as per Itinerary.



## Deeside and the Grampian Highlands

Royal Deeside has a picturesque landscape of rivers, mountains and panoramic views, attracting visitors from all around the world. It is an area containing some of Scotland's finest scenery. Aboyne is located in the heart of Royal Deeside surrounded by the beautiful Cairngorms Park and a stones throw from the River Dee. Aberdeen and Grampian is blessed with outstanding scenery, the majestic Grampian Mountains dominate the skyline to the west whilst miles of unspoiled and often dramatic coastline frame the area in the east. With its sparkling granite buildings, Aberdeen has one of Scotland's most enchanting skylines, while the city's Old Town has a magical air of time gone by.

 **6 DAYS**  
 Tour No 3012 6th - 11th June £ 359  
 Single Room Supplement £50.00 Insurance £17.00

### ITINERARY

**Sunday** Morning departure north to the border to arrive at the Huntly Arms Hotel, Aboyne in time for dinner and a relaxing evening, the Hotel is located in the village centre opposite the park.  
**Monday** We will take a tour of Royal Deeside, visiting Ballater and including entrance into the Royal Family's Scottish home - Balmoral Castle and grounds (P/I). We continue past Crathie church to the village of Braemar, and return to our Hotel in time for dinner and entertainment.  
**Tuesday** Today we pass over the Lecht, through spectacular mountain scenery, past Tomintoul to Grantown on Spey. We follow the Whisky Trail to the Glenfarclas whisky distillery for an included tour and tasting.

We return to the Hotel via Craigallachie for dinner and games night.  
**Wednesday** A day to relax in our magnificent surroundings, just enjoy all there is on offer.  
**Thursday** We head through pretty villages to Aberdeen, "The Granite City", after time for sightseeing and lunch we continue north to the picturesque Fishing village of Banff. The nearby coastal village of Portsoy is worth a visit with its 17th century harbour and marble shop. We return past Huntly and Kildrumny to Aboyne for a Scottish gala dinner and Scottish entertainment.  
**Friday** Leaving Aboyne after breakfast we return to Shropshire, arriving home late afternoon.

**HUNTLY ARMS, ABOYNE ★★ (Superior) 01339 886101**  
 The Huntly Arms Hotel is probably the oldest coaching inn to be found in Scotland, the Hotel dates back to 1432 and has played host to Jacobite leaders and later to Queen Victoria. Dining is available in the Grill Room Restaurant which overlooks the landscaped gardens and offers a selection of fine dishes using locally sourced produce. The Hotel does not have a Lift and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Television, Telephone and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

**Look What's Included!**

- Entertainment Provided During Our Stay.
- 5 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Included Excursions to Speyside, Balmoral, the Whisky Trail, Aberdeen and Banff.
- Entrance to Balmoral and Grounds and Glenfarclas Tour and Tasting.