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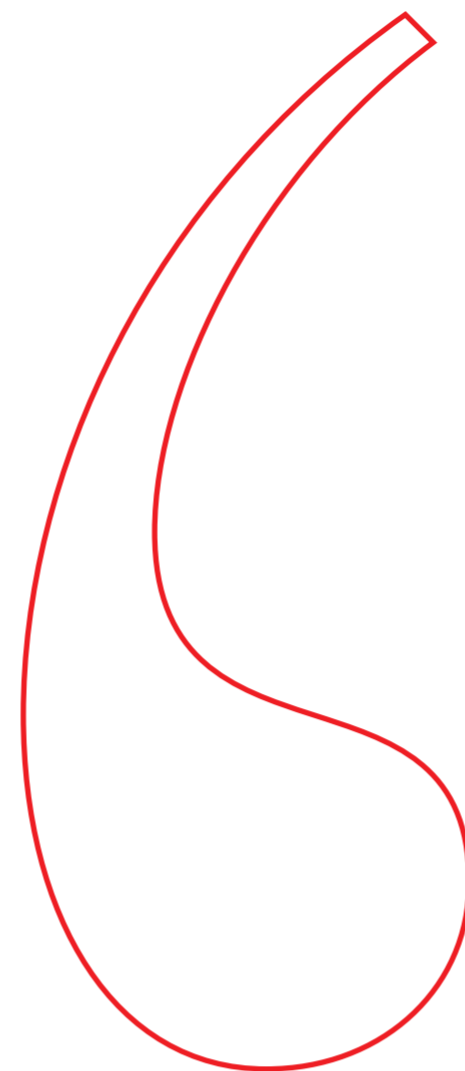
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Bar Prince live music sessions are returning with a selection of The Balmoral's favourite artists this August.



A Warm Welcome

from our Cluster Managing Director,
United Kingdom

The Balmoral is excited to welcome guests over the summer months, when the city unfolds in all its charm from the pleasant warmer weather to the vibrant displays of culture. The world-renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the largest arts festival in the world, invites you to experience an unrivalled celebration of creativity.

From captivating theatre performances to exhibitions and street art, it truly promises something for everyone.

Additionally, our Concierge team has curated some special recommendations to help you make the most of the sunshine, such as a walk round the Royal Botanic Gardens or an evening at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo located on the Castle Esplanade.

Mike Cavanagh, a valued member of our Concierge Team is celebrating a huge milestone with us here at The Balmoral—30 years of service. I would like to personally thank Mike for all he has done over the years and I look forward to many more to come.

Join us over the coming months for some unforgettable culture and experiences as we enjoy the summer in Edinburgh in this truly enchanting destination.

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Concierge Recommends

Our concierge team have some of the best knowledge in the city, pulling from decades of experience in Edinburgh. Visiting during these months is a great time to explore with the warmer weather and abundance of cultural activities to make memories that will last a lifetime.



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Open every day

Set in over 70 acres of tranquil gardens and just one mile from the hotel, this world-famous collection of plants from around the world is a must see during the warm summer months. From the beautiful Rhododendron Collection, Giant Redwood trees and panoramic views of the city there's something for everyone including several cafés perfect for an iced cold drink.

WWW.RBGE.ORG.UK

National Museum of Scotland—Beyond the Little Black Dress

1st July–29th October

A brand new exhibition to Edinburgh showcasing the iconic Little Black Dress creation, it's history, power and politics throughout the years. Featuring over 60 garments from the likes of Chanel, Dior and British designers the exhibition charts a century of fashion through a series of themed immersive displays. Just a ten minute walk from the hotel, through the old town.

WWW.NMS.AC.UK/EXHIBITIONS-EVENTS

Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival

14th–23rd July

With over 110 concerts this year in Edinburgh with both local and international faces, all-time favourites and newcomers this annual event draws visitors from all over the world. Choose from relaxed classical pianists to contemporary saxophone sounds in locations such as George Square and the Jazz Bar.

THE FULL LINE UP OF ARTISTS CAN BE FOUND
ONLINE AT WWW.EDINBURGHJAZZFESTIVAL.COM

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

4th–26th August

Set against the dramatic esplanade of the Edinburgh Castle, this spectacular August show is like no other. Performed by nearly 1,000 military musicians, drummers, dancers and singers with a number of special international guests and finished off with a lone bagpiper alongside a striking fireworks display, it's a Scottish night to remember.

OUR CONCIERGE WOULD BE DELIGHTED
TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS



Flavours of Summer at Number One

Allow our award winning team at Number One to showcase our favourite British seasonal produce through a new summer tasting menu and three course dinner menu. Number One currently holds four AA Rosettes, is Michelin Guide recommended and included in the prestigious La Liste, a listing of the world's best restaurants.

Chef Mathew Sherry and the team will guide you through our story of summer with the people and produce behind the menus. His favourite seasonal ingredient right now is the Isle of Wight tomato, sourced for us by Phantassie Organic Market Garden that brings a vibrant dimension to his dishes.

Our sustainable Scottish Atlantic halibut dish is delicately slow cooked and prepared with flavours of courgette and our own cured halibut sauce. Fresh Orkney scallops are hand dived and accompanied with a leek chowder and smoked roe that really bring out the flavours of the ocean.

Make sure to taste our very own honey that is often included in one of our desserts. It is harvested from our apiary on the rooftop of The Balmoral and is delicately looked after by the team.

Then finish the evening with a selection of delicious artisan cheeses from our local supplier I.J. Mellis, renowned for their knowledge and sourcing in the finest quality produce.

Alongside our brand new menu, Number One also houses over 350 wines that are on full display in our unique glass cellar at the front of the restaurant.

This includes over 20 by the glass, bottles in all sizes from all over the world and special vintages from the 1970's.

NEW PRIVATE DINING

We are proud to announce the opening of our new private dining room in Number One. Seating up to eight guests with an exceptional dining experience to remember from personalised menus, special celebrations and exclusive corporate events. Or simply enjoy our Champagne and Caviar pairing in here from £160 per couple complemented by canapés and hosted by the Number One team.

Number One is open Thursday–Monday from 6pm for dinner.

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Spotlight on...

The Scone Crombie Suite

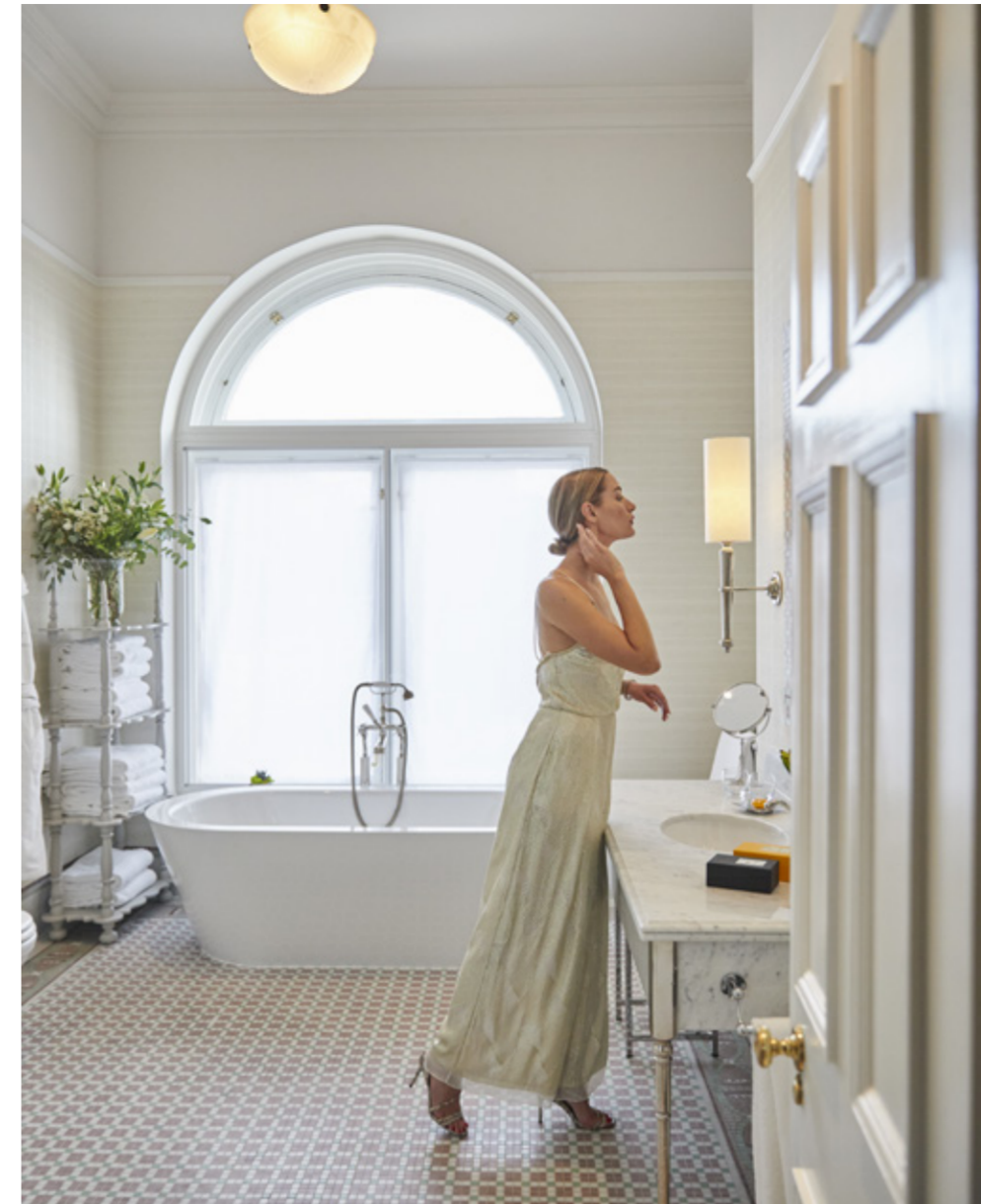
The Scone & Crombie Suite is one of The Balmoral's most iconic signature suites, decorated with rich fabrics, opulent furnishings and Italian marble.

Named after the iconic Scone Palace in Perthshire, the signature suite has been designed by Olga Polizzi—Rocco Forte Hotels' Director of Design, and sister to Sir Rocco Forte,—as the ultimate city base for families or urban enclave for heads of state and VIPs. The flexible accommodation can be booked as a one, two or three bedroom suite. The addition of a sizeable entrance hall, meanwhile, provides the perfect location for discrete private check-ins and opens onto a multipurpose meeting and dining space.

The suite was awarded Scotland's Leading Hotel Suite 2022 and offers a walk-in wardrobe, working fireplace, separate dining room and traditional Scottish touches throughout.

Book the Scone & Crombie suite and enjoy enhanced benefits with our Rocco Forte Suite Experience. As a Forte Suite Guest enjoy complimentary in-suite check-in, personalised concierge services, unpacking/packing service, breakfast in your suite or at Brasserie Prince. Select from a Whisky journey in Scotch, fast-track tickets to Edinburgh Castle or a private tour of the silversmith workshop at Hamilton & Inches, Edinburgh's iconic jewellers.

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RESERVATIONS.BALMORAL@ROCCOFORTEHOTELS.COM



Celebrating 30 Years Service

We are proud to share that during the month of June, Mike Cavanagh, a key team member in our dedicated Concierge Team has hit the incredible milestone with us here at The Balmoral with 30 years in service. Over the years Mike has played an important part in the team and seen all of the changes the hotel has gone through. His knowledge of Edinburgh is second to none and we can't thank him enough for his dedication to the hotel.

AFTER 30 YEARS WITH THE BALMORAL HOW DO YOU FEEL?

“I feel very privileged to have worked three decades in The Balmoral. I have seen many changes in those 30 years. When I first started we employed Page Boys who's main job was to run messages for the hotel.

They would walk around with a bell and a board and call out the guest's name to give them their urgent messages—technology has changed that now!

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT THE HOTEL?

Over the years there have been many that will live with me forever but I think meeting John Le Carre the famous author of Tinker Taylor Soldier Spy and The Constant Gardner was a defining moment—he very kindly surprised me one day by giving me a signed copy of his book wishing me a Merry Christmas.



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From 4th–28th August 2023

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Edinburgh's most anticipated annual event takes over the whole city for the month of August, filling it with creative energy and celebrations of culture from all over the world.

From world famous comedians to local street performers the festival month really does have it all. Experience a spectacular line up of theatre, dance, comedy, circus, musicals, children's shows, spoken word and numerous events that all take place in Edinburgh.

It's not only the performances that make the festival particularly special, there is also an array of venues offering something unique for the month. From outdoor bars, themed areas, world street food and live music found all around the city there is plenty to see and do for all the family. In locations such as Bristo Square, The Meadows and George Square.

2023 is set to be particularly spectacular with over 3,000 shows and events to choose from.

Great for all the family

Circus Abyssinia: Tulu, 2.00pm at the Circus Hub in The Meadows
Unmissable showcase of superhuman strength, breathtaking contortion, awe-inspiring acrobatics and mesmerising fire juggling.

Great comedy all rounder

Best of the Fest, 11.55pm at the Assembly Hall on the Mound
The best mixed-bill comedy night in Edinburgh, featuring the favourite top rated comedians from around the Fringe.

TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO BOOK TICKETS VISIT
[TICKETS.EDFRINGE.COM](https://www.edfringe.com). CALL +44 (0) 131 226 0000 OR
VISIT ONE OF THE OFFICIAL BOX OFFICES.

Live Music At Bar Prince

1.30pm–5.30pm

Saturday 5th August Saturday 19th August

Saturday 12th August Saturday 26th August

Take a seat in one of the cornflower-blue leather chairs or perch at the bar, festooned with gleaming copper barware, and sample the finest and most seasonal of ingredients in liquid form with our extensive range of cocktails, created by our talented mixologist.

We're delighted to announce our live music sessions in Bar Prince to celebrate the summer this August, every Saturday from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Whether you're joining us for a signature cocktail or a light bite, settle in with a drink in hand as you listen to musicians offering a mix of jazz, blues, country and popular music.

Listen to the pop of champagne corks or hear the rattle of cocktail shakers, the expert mixologists are on hand to serve you your favourite tippie for the night. We look forward to welcoming you to the buzzy, atmospheric setting of Bar Prince.





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