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The World Pipe Band Championship, Piping Live and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

World
Pipe Band
Championships



Piping
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THE ROYAL
EDINBURGH
MILITARY
TATTOO

5 night package
Wed 8th - Mon 13th August 2012
OR Fri 10th - Wed 15th August 2012



Scotland becomes the world centre of piping and drumming this year as **Glasgow** hosts the **World Pipe Band Championships** and its renowned international piping festival, **Piping Live**.

The week long **festival of piping** is one of the UK's most exciting annual celebrations of Scottish culture, running from Monday August 6th until Sunday 12th August. There will be an **electric atmosphere** as one of Europe's most exciting cities welcomes visitors from around the globe.

The festival will showcase the **vibrancy and diversity** of the pipes by bringing some of the world's top piping talent to perform with Scotland's finest **home grown artists** across Glasgow's **world class venues** and stunning outdoor spaces.

George Square will provide the city centre with a real buzz by staging **free daily highlights**. The National Piping Centre will be the festival's hub, hosting **come and try sessions**, as well as performances in the **outdoor** Street Café from some of the best piping folk combos, duos and groups.

The festival week will climax at the World Pipe Band Championships on Saturday 13th August at **Glasgow Green**, the city's oldest park space. Following the day's **intense competition** and the crowning of the new world champions, the **party atmosphere** will continue at the **After Worlds Shindig** – in honour of all of the competing bands.

Whether you are a fan of **traditional music** already or you are simply looking for a new **city break** destination, visiting Glasgow during this event will not only **entertain the whole family** but will offer plenty of other opportunities to make this a trip worth remembering.



RIVERSIDE MUSEUM AND THE TALL SHIP

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Package includes attendance of three of the key events in Glasgow and a visit to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Edinburgh:

The International Piping Concert on Friday 10th August will feature artists from across the globe at a **piping spectacle** leaving listeners in awe! With the best in **contemporary and traditional styles** of piping from Scotland and the rest of the World it is a concert not to be missed!

World Pipe Band Championships

Venue: Glasgow Green – 7.30am – 7pm

The World Pipe Band Championships will take place on Saturday 11th August on Glasgow Green. **200 bands** from **16 different nations** will compete for the coveted world title in front of an anticipated **40,000 enthusiastic spectators**.

The After World's Shindig on the evening of Saturday 11th August will be the **party to end all parties** following the conclusions of the World Pipe Band Championships. You can take in some of the **best contemporary international piping** around and be part of the **ceilidh**, going on until late!

Come along and see some piping as you never thought possible at the After World's Shindig!



Stay 3 nights at the 4 star Abode Hotel, Glasgow

This centrally located boutique hotel has stunning interior design and 60 fabulous rooms. The Abode Glasgow is within one block of the main shopping thoroughfare in Glasgow, at night the area comes alive with a classy mix of restaurants and bars, plus many nightclubs are just five minutes away. An art gallery and the finest restaurants in town can also be found within the hotel. The hotel's Michael Caine's Restaurant is stylish, elegant and relaxed, creating the perfect setting in which to enjoy innovative, exceptional modern European cuisine.



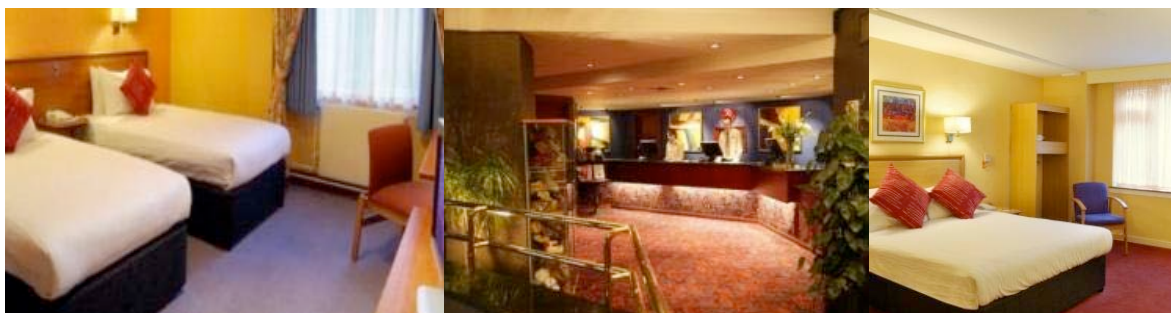
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The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Edinburgh City



Attend the 62nd Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Mid Arena Seats. Against the spectacular backdrop of Scotland's top tourist attraction, performers from four continents, including participants from as far afield as South Africa and South America, together with the finest modern production technology, are set to provide an abundance of matchless entertainment on the floodlit esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. The performance lasts 1.5 hours.

Stay 2 nights at the 3 star Mercure Princes Street



The Mercure Princes Street Hotel (formerly the Mount Royal) is situated in the heart of Edinburgh, just 200 yards from Edinburgh Waverly Train Station and six miles from the airport. The shopping and sights of Princes Street are literally on your doorstep, with the Royal Mile, West End, Edinburgh Castle, the Edinburgh Dungeon and an array of other attractions within a few minutes' walk. Public transport links are excellent too, with several major bus routes right outside the front door and express airport bus service across the road. The lounge and dining area have panoramic views over Princes Street to the Gardens and Castle beyond. All 158 rooms come as standard with combined bath/shower, direct dial telephone, internet access, full length mirror, hairdryer, satellite TV with pay movies, trouser press and tea/coffee making facilities. You also have the option to upgrade to one of their Castle View rooms at an additional cost.

Your Package includes:

- 3 nights in a double/twin room at the 4 star Abode Hotel, Glasgow
- 2 nights in the 3 star Mercure Princes Street Hotel, or similar, Edinburgh
- Full Scottish breakfast each day
- Mid Arena Seat - 9pm performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Ticket to the International Piping Concert evening 10th August
- Ticket for the World Pipe Band Championship on the 11th August with Grade 1 Grandstand Arena seats
- Ticket for the After World's Shindig on the 11th August
- Ticket for the Edinburgh City Sightseeing Tour
- Service and VAT

Package Price per person sharing a double room: **£599.00**

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