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Dear Consoeurs and Confrères

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at our 52nd Grand Chapitre in the historic city of Edinburgh. This will be our first Grand Chapitre in Scotland's capital and it offers a wealth of interesting things to see and do and we suggest you add a few days on to the Grand Chapitre to be able to see it all and perhaps explore the highlands and islands whilst you are here. We purposely chose mid-summer for the event to be able to enjoy long days of sunlight to make the most of your visit.

Our base will be the very recently renovated Sheraton Grand Hotel situated near the Usher Hall, with fine view of the castle and great spa for all you sybarites. Our weekend starts with an outstanding golf day at Gleneagles. Our three dinner venues are all very different and all historically important. Surgeons Hall, The Castle Suite at the 'Caley' and the Royal Yacht Britannia. In the Chaîne tradition, the teams at all three have planned great menus reflecting both the location and time of year and you are ensured to leave saying 'wow'.

For those of you for whom this is your first trip to Edinburgh we strongly recommend taking the open-top bus tour on Saturday afternoon as the fastest way to get an appreciation of the city. The trips on Sunday again focus on things that are unique to the area - with options to explore the Firth of Forth by boat or visit historic buildings and for all the Da Vinci Code enthusiasts a chance to match the book or film with the reality of Rosslyn Chapel.

The encouragement and support of the next generation of talent is one of the Chaîne's key objectives and our Grand Chapitre gives us the opportunity to recognise publically the talents of our young professionals both the Best Young Chef and the Best Young Sommelier and wish them well in their careers.

On Sunday evening our Chaîne Worldwide Dinner is a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to dine as would have Royalty and Heads of State on the unique Royal Yacht Britannia.

We look forward to welcoming you all, together with your guests, to a weekend of cultural interest, culinary and vinious excellence and, most of all, great camaraderie.

Vive la Chaîne!

Philip Evins
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EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS



GLENEAGLES

The Gleneagles Hotel and resort offers the chance to play on one of the finest championship golf courses in Scotland.

Whether you are a pro or an enthusiastic beginner, the Gleneagles golf courses offer an exhilarating test for any golfer.



MAID OF THE FORTH

Enjoy magnificent views of the world famous Forth Bridges from open top deck as you cruise downriver past Inchgarvie and towards Inchcolm. Known as the 'lona of the East', Inchcolm has been a significant place in Scottish history and lore, and continues to engage the imagination today.

Onboard commentary tells you of the features as they pass, and the skipper gives live input whenever some wildlife is sighted. You can see seals, comical little puffins, cormorants, Eider ducks, fulmars, gannets and guillemots as well as occasional sightings of porpoise and dolphins

DAKOTA HOTEL - LUNCH

Fantastic, fresh food using the best local suppliers from this Scottish Seafood Restaurant of the year

From the fish served the very day it is caught by Scotland's finest fish merchants, to the 28 day, matured on the bone steaks, every meal is expertly prepared by the finest emerging young chefs from all corners of the UK, using the finest seasonal produce from around the British Isles.



PRIVATE OPEN TOP GUIDED BUS TOUR

The capital of Scotland since the 15th Century, Edinburgh stands on seven hills creating the dramatic skyline of this lively cosmopolitan city. What better way to see this fantastic city than from an open-top double decker bus.

Compare Edinburgh's Old Town, where families lived in cramped conditions and rubbish was thrown out of the windows, to the elegant Georgian New Town with its three main streets and a square at either end.

Hear about the hangings that took place in the Grassmarket as you marvel at the impenetrable Castle Rock above you and hear about the attempts to capture Edinburgh Castle.

See the Royal Mile which joins Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House and park - the Queen's park with Arthur's Seat, the extinct volcano at its centre.

Have your camera ready for this fantastic tour through this beautiful city.



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LAURISTON CASTLE

Located only a little over three miles from the centre of Edinburgh, Lauriston Castle overlooks the Firth of Forth and enjoys spectacular views of the Forth Bridges, across the Firth to the Fife coast and to the mountains of Perthshire beyond.

The castle retains its historic policy, or enclosed park, which was formed during the mid-nineteenth century from a portion of the original estate (first recorded in the Exchequer Rolls of 1290).

The historic garden was also laid out at this time. The Edinburgh/Kyoto Friendship Garden is one of the largest Japanese gardens created in the United Kingdom in the course of the last 100 years.

The oldest part of the castle, a Scottish fortified tower house, dates from the 1590s, and was built for Sir Archibald Napier, father of the famous mathematician and inventor of logarithms, John Napier.

Over the following centuries the castle changed hands on several occasions and was the home of a number of notable Scots, including John Law. He was a remarkable character and brilliant financier, who rose to power in France under the patronage of the Duc D'Orleans, Regent of the infant Louis XV, becoming controller general of the finances of France.



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ROSSLYN CHAPEL



Roslin is an ancient village in Midlothian in Scotland, situated east of the Pentland Hills on the bank of the river North Esk between Penicuik and Lasswade, 6 miles south of Edinburgh.

Roslin was created a burgh in 1456 and grew with mining as its main industry until the 1960s.

The tranquil village is well-known most recently for cloning 'Dolly the Sheep' in the Roslin Institute in 1997, and for the architecturally interesting late-gothic Rosslyn Chapel, with

beautifully detailed carved stonework, which includes the unique knotted Prentice Pillar at the south-east end of the Lady Chapel.

Built in 1447, Rosslyn Chapel, a cruciform collegiate church of St Michael, is surrounded in mystery with associations with the Knights Templar and the Holy Grail legend and features in the best-selling fiction novel, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown.

A little further south of the chapel stands the partial ruins of the 14th century Roslin Castle built on a rocky promontory jutting into the river.

THE HOWGATE - LUNCH

The long and low building was originally stabling for race-horses and more recently a dairy, producing a wide range of Howgate cheeses. Now refurbished, the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. An open log fire in the Bistro sets the scene while the Restaurant is cosy and a little more formal.



credit: Edinburgh Inspiring Capital

THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA

Launched by the Queen in 1953, this magnificent ship has played host to some of the most famous people in the world. Heads of State, Monarchy and Prime Ministers have all enjoyed this very special ship.

But, above all, she was home to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family. Furnished to her personal taste, each room was filled with photographs of her children, treasured family heirlooms, much-loved personal possessions and gifts from across the globe.

The ship had a full complement of around 300 Royal Yachtsmen and Royal Household staff who were able to put on the most splendid of state occasions from dinners to investitures.

The ship was de-commissioned in 1997. She is only open to the public for daytime tours. We have arranged for the exclusive use of the ship for the evening.



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PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION

Please register at the Chaîne desk in the Sheraton Hotel lobby.

Thursday	14.00 - 18.00
Friday	10.00 - 17.30
Saturday	09.00 - 17.30

Guests are at leisure to use the full facilities of the hotel, including the spa.

FRIDAY 1 JULY

Golf Package

- 07.30 Travel by bus to Gleneagles
- 08.30 The morning starts with a Bacon Butty breakfast, members then receive a bucket of practice balls, position markers and a Gleneagles Golfers Pack before teeing off on the world famous PGA course.
- 14.30 Lunch in the Dormy Restaurant
- 16.00 Return by bus to the Sheraton arriving approx. 17.00

Evening - Royal College of Surgeons

- 19.15 Travel by bus from the Sheraton Hotel to Surgeons Hall
- 19.30 The Royal College was founded in 1505 and our Welcome Dinner starts with a Champagne reception in the Fellows Library. We then dine in the Magnificent Playfair Hall built in 1832.
- 23.30 Return by bus to the Sheraton Hotel

Dress code: Smart casual. Jackets and ties with Chaîne insignia

SATURDAY 2 JULY

Morning - City Chambers Induction Ceremony

The City Chambers is located on the Royal Mile, the heart of Edinburgh's historic capital and is the home of the City's government. We will be privileged guests of the Lord Provost, The Right Honourable George Grubb, for the morning. The induction will take place in the Council Chamber followed by a reception in the European Room.

- 10.15 Travel by bus from the Sheraton Hotel to City Chambers
- 11.00 Induction ceremony
- 12.00 Reception hosted by the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
- 13.00 Return by bus to the Sheraton Hotel

Dress code: Lounge Suits and full Chaîne regalia

Afternoon - Private Open Top Bus Tour

- 14.30 Depart the Sheraton Hotel
- Have your camera ready for this fantastic tour through this beautiful city.
- 16.30 Return to the Sheraton Hotel

Evening Gala Dinner - Caledonian Hilton Hotel

(The Caledonian Hilton is 5 minutes walk from the Sheraton)

- 19.00 Champagne and canapés
- 19.45 Gala Dinner in the Castle Suite, prepared by Executive Chef Maitre Rotisseur Spencer Wilson
- Presentation of awards to the winners of our Young Chef and Young Sommelier Competitions

Dress code: Black Tie and Evening dress with Chaîne regalia



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SUNDAY 3 JULY

Morning & Afternoon - Tours

Option 1: Firth of Forth boat trip and lunch

- 09.30 Travel by bus to Hawes Pier in Queensferry
- 10.30 Enjoy magnificent views of the world famous Forth Bridges from open top deck as you cruise downriver past Inchgarvie and towards Inchcolm.
- 12.00 Move on to the Scottish Seafood Restaurant of the Year in the Dakota Hotel for lunch.
- 14.30 Bus arrives back at the Sheraton Hotel

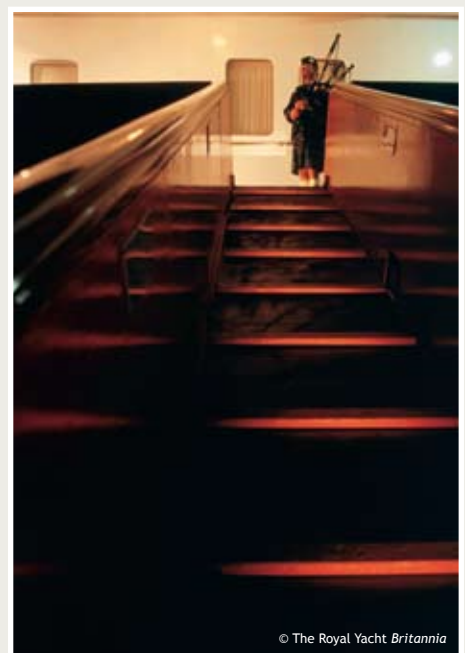
Option 2 - Lauriston Castle, Lunch and Rosslyn Chapel

- 09.45 Travel by bus to Lauriston Castle
- 15.30 Lunch at Howgate Inn followed by a tour of Rosslyn Chapel.

Evening - The Royal Yacht Britannia. A unique occasion

Space will be limited and so early booking is recommended. Preference will be given to members signing up for the majority of the weekend.

- 19.15 Travel by bus to Leith Ocean Terminal, home of the Royal Yacht
 - 19.30 Piped aboard the Royal Yacht to a Champagne reception, to be followed by a tour of the ship before assembling in the State Dining Room
 - 20.30 Chaîne Worldwide Dinner
 - 23.30 Return by bus to the Sheraton Hotel
- End of the Grand Chapitre**



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Situated in the dramatic shadows of Edinburgh Castle, the five star Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa is perfectly placed for all the history and spectacle of this fascinating capital city.

Refined and restful, the 269 newly-renovated guest rooms include subtle Scottish hues tastefully blended with contemporary textures, enhanced mood lighting, and beautiful furnishings to create a comfortable, welcoming environment.

There is also plenty of substance to the Sheraton Grand Hotel's style, with a cutting-edge Bluetooth media hub, Wi-Fi, and an interactive television, ensuring a constant connection to the outside world.

A great night's sleep is guaranteed in their signature Sheraton Sweet Sleeper™ Bed. Or enjoy a long, leisurely soak in elegant, glass-walled bathrooms, feature walk-in showers and spacious bathtubs.

Indulge in the tranquil One Spa; informal, fresh dining at the Terrace Restaurant; afternoon tea and evening drinks in the Exchange Bar; Santini's delicious, contemporary take on classic Italian dishes; as well as the breathtaking views of Edinburgh Castle.



CHAÎNE GUESTROOM RATES

Single/Double/Twin occupancy within a Classic king or twin bedded room @ £155.00 per room per night

Castle bedrooms single/double/twin occupancy @ £40.00 supplement prpn on the above rates

One bedroom classic suites single occupancy @ £140.00 supplement prpn on the above rates

One bedroom classic suites double occupancy @ £175.00 supplement prpn on the above rates

One bedroom castle view suites single occupancy @ £180.00 supplement prpn on the above rates

One bedroom castle view suites double occupancy @ £215.00 supplement prpn on the above rates

Grand Suite single/double/twin occupancy @ £950.00 prpn on the above rates

Breakfast served in Room @ £20.00 per person with a tray charge @ £2.50 per room

Continental breakfast served in Terrace Restaurant @ £16.00 per person

Full Scottish breakfast served in Terrace Restaurant @ £20.00 per person

Prices are quoted in UK Pounds and include VAT at 20%

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RESERVATIONS

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Tel. +44 131 229 9131 and ask for **'in-house reservations'**
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*Parking - NCP carpark adjoining the hotel is available to Chaîne hotel guests at just £9 per day
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The Bonham (0.7 miles)
35 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 7RN
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Apex International (0.5 miles)
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