

Edinburgh Balboa Exchange 2017

Timetable, Tourism and survival tips

FÁILTE! – WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland, and to many of you, welcome back! We're pleased to be running the Edinburgh Balboa Exchange for the fourth time and we look forward to seeing all the faces, familiar and new. Edinburgh is a fantastic city to visit boasting many attractions – from castle to palace, from galleries to museums, from whisky to woollen tweed ... and last but not least a



thriving balboa and swing scene! We've put some information together here, but feel free to approach the committee for any help you need, and know that we and all the local dancers are always a good source of recommendations for things to see and do.

We wish you a pleasant visit! *Your Edinburgh Balboa Exchange 2017 team*

THE TIMETABLE

We have a busy weekend of dancing lined up for you, spread over several venues. All the details can be found below.

Event	Venue	Event Times
Friday		
Welcome Party	Old St Pauls *	19:00 – 00:00
Registration	Old St Pauls	19:00 onwards
Band	Joys of Swing	20.30
Saturday		
Afternoon	Columcille Centre ⁺	11:00 – 15:00
Main Dance	Lifecare Edinburgh*	19:30 – 23:30
Band	Ali Affleck and Bedlam Swing	20:30
Sunday		
Tea Dance	Columcille Centre	13:00 – 17:00

* Evening venues are Bring Your Own Booze, though there will be plenty of water available.

⁺ Feel free to bring your own lunch to the afternoon dance, there are lots of shops and cafés in the local area where you can pick up something tasty.

Keep your eyes peeled for details of the Saturday night Fast Feet competition and the Sunday afternoon games, they're open to all and we'd love to see as many people as possible participating – don't worry, there will still be loads of social dancing time.

DANCE VENUES



The EBX dance venues are conveniently located in the city centre, Stockbridge and Morningside.

Friday evening dance at Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church

39 Jeffrey Street EH1 1DH

3 minutes walk from Waverley station (use the Market Street exit, turn left, walk under the bridge, keep right)

Saturday Brunch at the Columcille Centre

2 Newbattle Terrace EH10 4RT

in Morningside, off Morningside Road.

From the city centre take Lothian Buses numbers 5, 11, 15, 16 or 23 to stop named Churchhill, then walk downhill, turn into first street on the left and the venue is the second building on the right side of the street

Saturday Evening Ball at Lifecare Edinburgh

Stockbridge House, 2 Cheyne St, Edinburgh EH4, UK

in Stockbridge.

From The city centre take Lothian Buses numbers 24, 29, 42 or X27 to Raeburn Place at Patisserie Madeleine (on the left). Take the second left onto Cheyne Street and the venue is at the end of the street on the right hand side.

Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance at the Columcille Centre

see Saturday Brunch above

GETTING AROUND IN EDINBURGH



Walking around

Edinburgh city centre can be easily explored on foot although it is hilly. Two of the EBX venues are right in the city centre and the Columcille Centre venue is about 30 minutes' walk from Waverley Station.



Local buses

Lothian Buses www.lothianbuses.com is Edinburgh's main local bus operator.

Fares: single £1.60, day ticket £4.00, evening and night ticket £3.50, night ticket £3.00

Note that the tram fares are different than the bus fares, so your day bus ticket won't be valid on a tram. Pay on the bus in cash (exact fares only, no change given) or digitally by mobile phone app.

<http://lothianbuses.com/apps>

Other bus operators include Edinburgh Coach Lines, First, Stagecoach



Taxis

Edinburgh is well served by **black taxis**, also called cabs, carrying 5 or more passengers. A yellow lit sign on the taxi's roof indicates that it is free and can be flagged down. Near taxi ranks, taxis cannot be flagged down and passengers can only board at the rank. Expect delays of up to 30 minutes after midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Some taxis accept card payment against a fee. Two larger operators of black taxis are:

Central Taxis **0131 229 2468** www.taxis-edinburgh.co.uk

City Cabs **0131 228 1211** www.citycabs.co.uk

There are also **private hire cars**. They must be pre-booked and cannot be flagged down on the road.

SURVIVAL TIPS



Practicalities

Currency is British Pound Sterling, which can be withdrawn from cash machines using most British and European debit and credit cards. Withdrawals using UK debit cards are free at most machines.

Emergency call number for ambulance, fire brigade or police is 999.

Health Insurance: Please bring your European Health Insurance Card.

Left Luggage storage is available at Edinburgh Bus Station (cheapest option) and Waverley Rail Station.

Phone country code for the UK is 0044.

Power sockets in the UK are different from sockets used on the European mainland. Bring an adaptor!

Emergency Contact number for the event is +44 (0)131 212 5003. This mobile will be manned by one of the committee to if you have a problem, give us a call and we'll do our best to sort you out.

AND FINALLY, OUR THANKS

To everyone who has attended and hopefully had a good time, and particularly to all the DJs, the hosts, the bakers and everyone else who has contributed in all ways great and small to this weekend. We hope to see you all on the dance floor soon!

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