

**BOOKINGS OPEN**

# THE EUROPEAN STAG MEETING 2023

## CRIEFF, SCOTLAND: FRI 12 - SUN 14 MAY 2023

**J**oin us in Perthshire, the Heart of Scotland, for our European Meeting in 2023! Also known as Big Tree Country, Perthshire is the start of the Scottish Highlands. Long winding roads. Beautiful scenery. Interesting history. We've got it all!

We are pleased to announce the ESM 2023 will be held in the small town of Crieff, at Crieff Hydro Hotel. Being a classic car fanatic himself, Stephen Leckie, the owner of the business, has quite an extensive collection of classic cars and as a result, the business is well versed in catering to events such as ours.

### THE PROGRAMME .....

#### **Friday 12th May 2023**

Those arriving early are invited to join us on a drive north into the Scottish Highlands, the Cairngorms National Park to be precise. We will stop at Dalwhinnie Distillery, renowned for producing a Speyside malt often referred to as the "gentle spirit". It is the highest distillery in Scotland and sits on the junction of two old drove roads between mountain ranges. Its Gaelic name translates to "Plain of Meetings" - rather apt, don't you think?

The official opening ceremony and welcome will be held at Crieff Hydro Hotel in the evening. We will have a drinks reception followed by an informal dinner, a great opportunity to catch up with old and new friends.

#### **Saturday 13th May 2023**

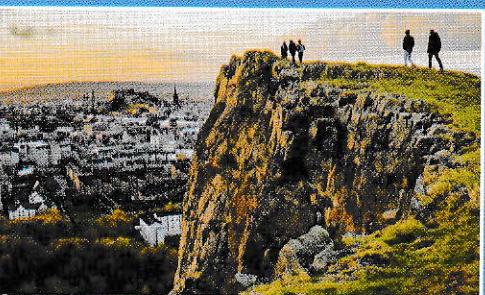
Saturday's drive takes us north east into the region of Angus where we will visit Glamis Castle, Childhood home of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. We will explore the castle at our leisure and find a spot to picnic in the extensive castle grounds. Packed lunches will be provided. Once we have returned to Crieff Hydro Hotel, it's time to don your best dress for our gala dinner – smart or traditional dress please! Dance the night away to live music provided by the award winning Tay Ceilidh Band. Don't know the dances? Don't worry, we'll keep you right!!

#### **Sunday 14th May 2023**

Today we will be heading south, crossing the iconic Forth Bridges and heading on into Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. We will finish our journey in Edinburgh with a traditional Afternoon Tea followed by our closing ceremony, with Arthur's Seat as the backdrop.

**Bookings are now open in the members area on the club website**

For any questions about the hotel or the programme, please contact us via email at [esm2023@hotmail.com](mailto:esm2023@hotmail.com)



## HOW TO BOOK? . . . . .

Visit our website [www.stag.org.uk](http://www.stag.org.uk) to make your booking in the members area. You will need to login or register.

Bookings close on Sunday 6th November. A 25% deposit is due on booking your space, the balance will be collected by 28th February 2023. You will receive an invoice for this amount. Deposit and balance payments are non-refundable.

Please note that the hotel is holding a certain number of rooms for us. Those will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment!

## MAKING A HOLIDAY OF IT? . . . . .

Edinburgh is a great place to start a holiday following our event, whether you're heading into the rolling hills of the Scottish Borders, along the rugged West Coast of Scotland or further into the Scottish Highlands.

Crieff Hydro Family of Hotels has a number of other hotels in their portfolio and would be willing to offer group rates at some of them on the back of our ESM. If any clubs are interested in having a conversation with the hotels please contact us on [esm2023@hotmail.com](mailto:esm2023@hotmail.com) and we will make the introduction. Please note, this will not form part of the ESM and you would need to organise this yourselves. Hotels are:

**Kingshouse Glencoe, Scottish Highlands • The Ballachulish Hotel Glencoe, Scottish Highlands • Isles of Glencoe Glencoe, Scottish Highlands • Peebles Hydro Peebles, Scottish Borders • The Park Hotel Peebles, Scottish Borders**

## TRAVELLING FROM EUROPE? . . . . .

DFDS have kindly offered some support in getting you here. Here are the discount codes:

**EP22SOC** – 10% discount on English Channel crossings from Dover to Calais and Dunkirk.

**PT22SOC** – 15% discount on Newcastle-Amsterdam crossings. Sailings for next year will be open from September, but these codes can be used now for these crossings.

## THE PRICES . . . . .

One person: Single room	Two people: Double room (double or twin)
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<b>Main event only</b> Includes: Friday 12th May 2023 and Saturday 13th May 2023 hotel accommodation, dinner both nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. Also includes welcome drinks reception, access to castle, grounds and garden at Glamis Castle, packed lunch and evening entertainment on Sat 13th May 2023. Afternoon tea at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh, on Sunday 14th.	<b>£475</b>	<b>£687</b>
<b>Main event plus ONE shoulder night (either Thursday 11th May 2023 OR Sunday 14th May 2023)</b> Includes: Same as Main Event (see above) PLUS accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast basis either Thursday 11th May 2023 or Sunday 14th May 2023.	<b>£615</b>	<b>£862</b>
<b>Main event plus BOTH shoulder nights (Thursday 11th May 2023 AND Sunday 14th May 2023)</b> Includes: Same as Main Event (see above) PLUS accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast basis on Thursday 11th May 2023 and Sunday 14th May 2023.	<b>£727</b>	<b>£985</b>
<b>Local residents' package: Friday-Sunday</b> Includes: Opening ceremony and welcome drinks reception at Crieff Hydro Hotel on Friday 12th May 2022, buffet dinner. Access to castle, grounds and garden at Glamis Castle, packed lunch. Hotel accommodation on Saturday 13th May 2023 only, dinner on Saturday night, evening entertainment. Breakfast Sunday morning. Afternoon tea at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh, on Sunday 14th. <i>Please note: Friday 12th May: you must arrive at Crieff Hydro Hotel no later than 5pm to take part in opening ceremony and dinner. Saturday 13th May: you must be ready to leave Crieff by 9am to be able to take part in the run to Glamis.</i>	<b>£335</b>	<b>£538</b>
<b>Local residents' package: Saturday-Sunday</b> Includes: Access to castle, grounds and garden at Glamis Castle, packed lunch. Hotel accommodation on Saturday 13th May 2023 only, dinner on Saturday night only, evening entertainment. Breakfast Sunday morning. Afternoon tea at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh, on Sunday 14th. <i>Please note: You must be ready to leave Crieff by 9am to be able to take part in the run to Glamis.</i>	<b>£287</b>	<b>£442</b>
<b>Whisky Masterclass at Dalwhinnie Distillery on Friday 12th May 2022</b>	<b>£25</b>	<b>£50</b>

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