

International Celtic Congress 2017
Perth, Scotland
17th to 22nd July 2017
The theme for Congress 2017 will be:

The Musical Traditions of our Celtic Nations



Accommodation

The Mercure Hotel,
West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP

Some Reviews:

...A converted watermill, it offers a splendid lobby and bar area, with the possibility of looking down into the mill race, while the breakfast room is also atmospheric.

...The hotel is well situated in the centre of Perth, free parking always a good feature. The hotel was an old watermill and this is integrated into the hotel with unique features in the reception and lounge. Comfortable beds very good buffet breakfast.

...Love the fact it used to be a watermill. Inside the exposed beams and wheels added to the ambience of the history of the building as did the running water feature under the hotel. The staff were very friendly from reception to bar to dining room.

THE 'FAIR CITY' OF PERTH

Enticingly situated along the banks of the River Tay, Perth is Scotland's newest city and a sheer joy to explore on foot. Sandwiched between two sweeping public parks, this compact but buzzing cosmopolitan hub boasts many fine restaurants and cafés, outstanding venues and great shopping.

Some places of interest in the area:

Balhousie Castle / Black Watch Museum, Elcho Castle, Perth Museum and Art Gallery, Stanley Mills, Inveralmond Brewery, Abernethy Village, Fergusson Gallery.

How to get there:

By Air:

From Glasgow Airport: Take airport bus from Stance 1 outside Terminal Building. Ask driver to let you off just before Dundas Street for Queen Street Station (approx. 15 mins). Note Queen Street Station is the 3rd stop. Train to Perth will take 1 hour 5mins. From Station, Hotel is a 10-minute walk.

From Edinburgh Airport:

Take Tram (T50) towards York Place 13 min (5 stops) · Stop ID: 362901 Edinburgh Park Station Train to Perth 10stops 1 hour 21 minutes. Then 10 minute walk to hotel.

Getting to Mercure Perth Hotel from:

Perth Railway Station - 0.5 miles (1 km)

Turn left out of the station and walk straight down Leonard St. Carry on for two minutes and continue on to Hospital Street. Turn left and cross the road onto South Methven Street. Carry on walking until the 2nd set of traffic lights, then turn left onto Mill Street. The Mercure Perth hotel will be on your right-hand side.

By car:

From south east (**Edinburgh**) 51 min (40.5 miles) Via M90

From south west (**Glasgow**) 1 h 7 min (59.1 miles) Via M80 and A9

From north (**Inverness**) 2 h 15 min (111 miles) Via A9

Draft Timetable

<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>
Monday 17 th July	Registration	2pm onwards
	Welcome Dinner	7pm
	Informal Ceilidh	8.30pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Breakfast	7.30am to 9am
	Gaelic Song Class	9am
	Presentation 1 Scotland	10am
	Coffee Break	11am
	Presentation 2 Wales	11.30am
	Lunch	12.30pm
	Visit to Scone Palace	2pm
	Dinner	7pm
	Informal Ceilidh	8.30pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Breakfast	7.30am to 9am
	Gaelic Song Class	9am
	Presentation 3 Eire	10am
	Coffee Break	11am
	Presentation 4 Isle of Man	11.30am
	Lunch	12.30pm
	Ecumenical Service	2pm
	Presentation 5 Brittany	4pm
	Dinner	7pm
Thursday 20 th July	Informal Ceilidh	8.30pm
	Breakfast	7.30am to 9am
	Day Outing to Falkirk Wheel, Kelpies	10am
	Dinner	7pm
Friday 21 st July	Informal Ceilidh	8.30pm
	Business Meeting	8.30pm
	Breakfast	7.30am to 9am
	Gaelic Song Class	9am
	Presentation 6 Cornwall	9.30am
	AGM	11am
	Lunch	12.30pm
	Free Afternoon	
Saturday 22 nd July	Dinner	6.30pm
	Concert	7.30pm
	Breakfast	7.30am to 9am
	Farewells	

Congress costs will be £545 for a Single room occupation, £940 for a double/twin room occupation. Specific details and application forms can be obtained from: Jean Campbell, 17A Glen, Isle of Barra, HS9 5UQ Email: camuskellaig@gmail.com. Special reduced rates will be available for young attendees.

Celtic Congress Alba look forward to welcoming you there.