



Exclusively for BNC Members

Confirm a group of 20+ delegates into Rocco Forte's Balmoral in the following months

**September, October, November 2011
January, February, March 2012**

And your guests will receive the following

- 1 complimentary upgrade per 10 confirmed rooms
- 1 complimentary room per 50 confirmed per night
- Complimentary Internet Connection for each guest (usually £15.00 per 24 hours)
- Welcome card from the General Manager

In addition to the following complimentary

- Twice daily housekeeping service (nightly turndown)
- Complimentary local newspaper delivered to your room
- Group rate applicable 3 nights prior & 3 nights post the event
(Subject to availability)
- Complimentary use of the Spa facilities (excludes treatments)
- Complimentary use of the Internet in Business Centre
- Complimentary overnight shoe shine
- Complimentary bathrobes & slippers in all bedrooms

Confirm 100 + room nights during this period and the Event Booker will receive a complimentary overnight stay inclusive of Full Scottish Breakfast for two at The Balmoral



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Please quote **BNC Autumn / Winter offer** at the time of booking to qualify for the above concessions

**Winner of the HRS award for Excellence in Customer Service 2011
Michelin star retained for number one restaurant 2011
Sunday Times Travel Magazine Readers' Awards 2010 - Best UK City Hotel
AA inspector's Choice - 5 Red Stars October 2010**





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Edinburgh makes a great first impression – then gets better. Its spectacular skyline of castle and crag, classical columns and spires is the backdrop to a cultural program that lasts all year. Edinburgh is simply one of Europe's great capitals.

Add to this the diverse range of venues from Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Castle and The Dome to the newly opened Gosford House just outside Edinburgh and Ghillie-Dhu in the city centre you are guaranteed to be spoilt for choice for your event.

For a capital city, Edinburgh is surprisingly green and, even in the heart, you are never far from wide open spaces where you can take in amazing views, relax and enjoy the great outdoors or organize an exhilarating activity program based around traditional sports.



Gosford, the seat of the Earls of Wemyss and March, is set in 5,000 acres of combined coast and parkland in East Lothian on the south side of the Firth of Forth and close to the celebrated golf courses of Muirfield, Gullane and Craigielaw.

The property is dominated by Gosford House, an imposing neo-classical mansion which was one of the last great architectural commissions of the celebrated Scots architect, Robert Adam. Constructed for the seventh Earl of Wemyss, the building was completed in 1800 – eight years after the architect's death – and is recognized as an outstanding example of the later period of his work.

Gosford House is available for Incentive and Hospitality events from Gala Dinners seating up to 100 in the large dining room to receptions for 400 in the Marble Hall.

Large scale activity days and highland games can be easily accommodated in the grounds. Meal options could include BBQ's or picnics by the pods and the stunning boat house. The variety of choice will allow you to offer something different and imaginative to your clients.

Add that to the Gosford's award winning golf club Craigielaw. All of this is within 25 minutes from The Balmoral.



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Do You Know.....

1. Edinburgh's population is almost 450,000. But that figure swells to well over 1 million during its famous arts festivals in August. **The Bollinger Bar, Palm Court at The Balmoral is The place to enjoy Afternoon Tea and star spot.**

2. JK Rowling, author of the famous Harry Potter books, wrote her first novel 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' in a café in Edinburgh. **JK Rowling finished writing the last book, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows at The Balmoral in Suite 552, now called the JK Rowling Suite.**

3. Sean Connery grew up in Edinburgh and as a boy, delivered milk to Fettes School, where the fictitious character of James Bond was educated. (UK Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was also educated at Fettes School in Edinburgh.) **Sean Connery officially re opened The Balmoral on 12 June 1991 after an extensive refurbishment.**

4. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, was born in Edinburgh. A statue of Sherlock Holmes is in Picardy Place celebrates the birthplace of Arthur Conan Doyle, and is the only statue of its kind in the UK.

5. In the Old Calton Burial Ground, in the centre of Edinburgh, there is a memorial to the Scottish soldiers who died in the American Civil War and a statue of Abraham Lincoln - the first one erected outside the USA.

6. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, was born in Edinburgh. Bell, like his father, was an educator of the deaf. He went first to Canada and then to the United States, where in 1873 he was appointed a professor in the School of Oratory, Boston University. **The first telephone call in the UK was made from Rocco Fortes' Browns Hotel in London, 1876**

7. Robert Louis Stevenson lived at 17 Heriot Row in the New Town. His poem 'Leary the Lamplighter' was written about the local lamplighter, who Stevenson could see from his window. Famous landmarks with RLS connections include the Jeekyll & Hyde pub, Deacon Brodie's Tavern and The Hawes Inn in South Queensferry which features in 'Kidnapped'.

8. The founder of America's National Parks, is commemorated at the John Muir House & Country Park, just outside Edinburgh

9. The story of 'Greyfriar's Bobby', the faithful Skye terrier, hails from Edinburgh, and the world famous statue to the little dog is located on George IV Bridge, opposite Greyfriar's Bobby pub. (A new film version of the story was filmed in Edinburgh in 2006)

10. Edinburgh, along with Bath, Rome and Venice, has been designated a World Heritage Site.

