

Tim Henman will be in action in Edinburgh



Anyone for tennis?

Brodies Champions of Tennis has announced the Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa as the official hotel partner for the inaugural Brodies Champions of Tennis tournament due to be held in Edinburgh between June 20 and 23 this year.

The hotel, located on Festival Square, Edinburgh, is offering an exclusive accommodation package during this key sporting event, based on luxury accommodation for two, plus two tickets to the tournament. This offer is available for accommodation on June 19 or 20, with tennis tickets

available on June 20 or 21. The cost is £370 per room, based on two sharing, including a hearty breakfast.

Throughout the month of June, the Sheraton Grand will be celebrating this partnership by hosting tennis month. Highlights will include Gin Deuce beverages, including a signature "Love 40" cocktail, and a mouthwatering range of strawberry delights in One Square, the hotel's innovative bar concept. The Pastry Chefs will showcase their culinary skills with some showstopping tennis-themed pastry creations

which will be displayed in the public areas throughout the hotel.

The hotel will also take the One Square concept to the tournament, by way of a special pop-up which will showcase One Square's association with gin, by serving an innovative range of gin-based cocktails.

■ To book the Brodies Champions of Tennis package, reserve online at www.sheratonedinburgh.co.uk/brodies-champions-of-tennis, call 0131 229 9131, or e-mail grandedinburgh@sheraton.com. This package is subject to availability.



AROUND SCOTLAND

Lynn Kernan headed for a luxury break in beautiful Perthshire

Scotland really has some of the most stunning scenery in the world. When you drive into Kenmore, with the expanse of Loch Tay stretching out before you, it's easy to see why thousands of people flock to this country every year for their holidays.

We were lucky enough to be staying at the Mains of Taymouth, which is a short drive away through the village, and which was originally the home farm to Taymouth Castle.

The complex comprises a cluster of luxury self-catering cottages, lodges and houses, some new and some historic buildings which have been renovated.

My boyfriend and I had the extremely spacious Granary Court for the weekend, a property which manages to be cosy and luxurious at the same time.

You enter the lodge, which sleeps eight, straight into the main sitting area with huge comfy sofas and a wood-burning stove. A number of bedrooms lead off on one side while a balcony off the living area overlooks a fabulous dining-kitchen.

Underfloor heating on the slate tiles gives a real feeling of warmth and for anyone who enjoys cooking, the kitchen is an absolute dream, with a huge oven and countless hobs.

Our room, one of the first-floor bedrooms, led out on to a wooden balcony, perfect for soaking up the sunshine in warmer months.

The back garden boasts the most luxurious asset of this property - an outdoor sauna and hot tub.

Immediately on arriving, I opened a bottle of wine, from the onsite deli-

catessen, and slipped into one of the provided fluffy dressing gowns.

As if that wasn't enough luxury, I had booked a manicure and pedicure from Bespoke Beauty, a mobile salon service which visits the properties at Taymouth.

I was thoroughly pampered by therapist Liz while my other half busied himself with the terribly manly pursuit of stoking the fire.

The following day, we headed for nearby Aberfeldy for a tour of Dewar's World of Whisky.

I have never had much of an interest in the Scottish tittle and was unsure what was in store, but the visitor's centre and guided jaunt

around the working whisky factory was fantastic.

The experience starts with a short video on the history of Dewar's then goes on to the interactive visitor's centre where there are interesting snippets of history as well as quizzes and games to take part in.

We then headed to the bar for a wee dram before an extremely knowledgeable guide, whose dad worked in the distillery, took us on a tour. For an extra treat, the VIP version of the tour allows guests to taste whisky straight from the cask and even bottle their own 18-year-old single malt.

I would recommend Dewar's as a trip for anyone -

no matter what their interest in the country's most celebrated drink.

In the afternoon, we headed off on a safari with a difference. There were no elephants or tigers on this trip into the wild, but there were some spectacular views.

Highland Safari organises a range of adventures in the stunning Perthshire countryside. We, along with another couple, were taken into the hills in a 4x4 by a kilted tour guide who knew everything there is to know about the area.

Heading high up into the mountains, we stopped on occasion as the driver pointed out herds of deer or a mountain hare.

And right at the summit we had a spectacular view over the surrounding, snow-covered peaks as well as a coffee, a dram and a piece of shortbread in a mountain bothy. The trip was really special, a proper glimpse of the wild that surrounds us in Scotland, and great fun to boot.

Back at Taymouth, the fire was roaring at the on-site Courtyard restaurant where we were heading for dinner.

With an easy, relaxed atmosphere and cosy food on the menu - like the delicious lamb hotpot special I ordered - this is the perfect place to chill out after a day trekking in the countryside.



Beautiful Loch Tay

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