



## **Café Bridge Scotland Trip 2022**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join me in late October on a bridge-themed adventure to Scotland. The main events are **Café Bridge Days in Dunkeld and Plockton**, which attract players from all over the Scottish mainland and the Hebrides.

Take the train non-stop first class to Inverness and experience the city's history. Travel through breathtaking, unspoilt landscapes of the Highlands, and discover the coastal villages of Plockton and Kyle in the Gaelic heartland of the far North.

The package includes outward train travel departing Monday lunchtime, taking in Plockton Café Bridge Day on Tuesday, Dunkeld Café Bridge on Thursday and a folk concert by accomplished fiddle-player John McCusker. As ever, non-bridge playing friends, spouses and partners are also welcome.

Return travel is **not** included by default, as some have asked to stay on and make their own way back to London. As an option, I am offering a booking service for the Caledonian Sleeper back to Euston or extra nights in Dunkeld, so please take advantage of this if it suits you.

A booking form may be found at the end of this leaflet. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. I look forward to answering any questions about the trip, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.



### **About Plockton**

Plockton, known as “The Jewel of the Highlands”, is a picturesque village that sits on a sheltered bay with stunning views overlooking Loch Carron. It is a popular destination for walking, cycling, arts and crafts, water-sports, and Gaelic music and culture. The Isle of Skye, with its unique natural habitat, is easily accessible by road bridge.

Our hosts will be the friendly and active bridge club in the neighbouring village of Kyle of Lochalsh, whose club nights attract players from Inverness-shire, Ross-shire and Skye.

## **About Dunkeld**

Dunkeld and its sister village Birnam sit astride the River Tay just downstream of the Tay Forest Park, connected by Thomas Telford's iconic seven-arch bridge. Just south of Birnam you can visit the wood which came to life to bring about King Macbeth's demise.

At Dunkeld Café Bridge Day we will meet players from nearby Blairgowrie and Perth as well as further afield.

## **Accommodation - The Haven Guest House**

The Haven is a family-owned guest house run in the finest tradition of Scottish hospitality. All the rooms were refurbished in 2018 to the most modern standards. The management are enthusiastic about the bridge day, and we will find ourselves playing on Thursday in The Haven's attractive interiors.

<https://www.thehavenplockton.co.uk/>

## **Accommodation - The Royal Dunkeld Hotel**

The Royal Dunkeld Hotel dates from 1810, just after the completion of the Telford Bridge. It is situated on Atholl Road around the corner from the historic 'little houses' and specialist shops and the famous cathedral. The RDH are supporting the bridge event for the first time this year.

<https://royaldunkeld.co.uk>

# Trip Itinerary

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## Monday 24th October - Inverness

- **1200 Depart London Kings Cross.**
- First class travel: bridge, food and drink included.
- **2007 Arrive Inverness.** Check in to Premier Inn Inverness Central
- Free evening in Inverness - Hootenanny's recommended.

## Tuesday 25 October - Plockton Café Bridge

- **0855 Depart Inverness** on the Kyle of Lochalsh Line.
- **1117 Arrive Plockton.** Check in to The Haven or Plockton Inn
- **1130** Register at The Haven for Plockton Café Bridge Day
- **1140-1630** Plockton Café Bridge Day: 28-board café duplicate.
- **1700** Prize giving at The Haven
- Social bridge, pubs and restaurants in Plockton.

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## Wednesday 26 October - Plockton and Dunkeld

- Free morning and lunchtime in Plockton, Kyle and Skye
- **1430 Depart Plockton** by coach
- **1730 Arrive Dunkeld** and check-in to Royal Dunkeld Hotel
- **1930** Folk concert: John McCusker fiddle at Birnam Arts

## Thursday 27 October - Dunkeld Café Bridge

- **1030** Register for Dunkeld Café Bridge Day
- **1100-1600** Dunkeld Café Bridge Day: 28-board café duplicate.
- **1700** Prize giving at The Royal Dunkeld Hotel
- Free evening in Dunkeld and Birnam
- **(Optional) Caledonian Sleeper:** Depart Dunkeld 2303, arrive London Euston 0749 on Friday 28th October.

**Please see next page for price list.**



# Prices

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**£470 per person based on senior railcard and shared room occupancy, including:**

- **Train 1st class Kings Cross to Inverness with food and drink**
- **Train travel Inverness to Plockton**
- **Coach travel Plockton to Dunkeld**
- **Monday night stay in Premier Inn Inverness Central**
- **Tuesday night stay in The Haven or Plockton Inn**
- **Wednesday night stay in The Royal Dunkeld Hotel**
- **Hotel breakfast each morning**
- **Entry to Plockton and Dunkeld Cafe Bridge events**
- **Entry to Birnam Arts folk concert**

## **Extras:**

- **Single supplement, £40/night or £120 total**
- **Not holding a senior railcard: £60**
- **Per extra night in Dunkeld: £85**
- **Caledonian Sleeper ticket from Dunkeld to Euston.**

**Prices are indicative only and based on a senior railcard:**

- **Comfy chair - £49.50**
- **Bunk standard - £178.20 single, £320 for two sharing room**
- **Bunk en-suite - £188.10 single, £350 for two sharing room**

## **Discount:**

- **Non-bridge player: £80 rebate**

**Please note you must have your railcard with you when you travel.**

# Booking Form

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**Please complete, sign and send to** *Victor Lesk, 16 Basing Way, London N3 3BY*,  
**or email a scan or photo to** *brianplaysbridge@gmail.com*. I will then send an  
invoice for the trip based on the prices in the previous section.

Partnership 1 - please write names, and circle share or single for each day

**Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

**Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

Partnership 2 (if applicable)

**Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

**Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

Non-bridge players, use these lines

**Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

**Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mon:** *Share/Single* **Tue:** *Share/Single* **Wed:** *Share/Single*

**Number of Senior railcard holders in group:** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Caledonian Sleeper tickets: write number reqd in each box

**Comfy chairs** \_\_\_ **Standard bunk beds** \_\_\_ **Bunks in en-suite rooms** \_\_\_

**Sleeper departure date (if not Thurs 27th)** \_\_\_\_\_ **N.B. No Saturday night service**

Optional: Extra nights at Royal Dunkeld Hotel (write number of extra nights reqd.)

**Extra nights** \_\_\_\_\_

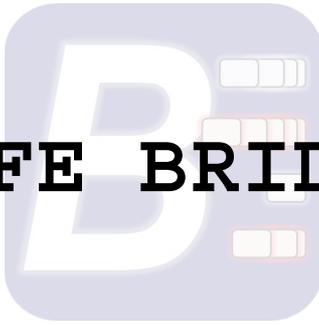
I agree to the T&C below in respect to all participants mentioned on this form

**Signature of principal contact** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Terms and Conditions

- 1. Participants cancel up to and including Sep 13th: Full refund.**
  - 2. Participants cancel up to and including Oct 13th: 40% refund.**
  - 3. Bookings transferable if railcard status and sleeping arrangements remain unchanged. Otherwise charges may apply.**
  - 4. Organizer cancels: full refund within two weeks.**
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