

FEDECRAIL Annual Conference 2018 in Scotland

The next annual FEDECRAIL conference will take the participants to Scotland. The "Edinburgh 2018 Conference" will take place in the second half of April 2018. The main conference days are the 20th and 21st of the month, with the focus on Friday being on specialist lectures on current topics and the Annual General Meeting being held on Saturday morning. For the partners of the delegates there is a special program during this time.

This 25th annual FEDECRAIL conference will again be combined with a varied excursion program. The first part of the route leads from Edinburgh through central Scotland, the second one into the north of the country. During the "add-on tour", which can be connected from April 25, North-East England is to be visited.

The detailed program is currently in progress. Among other things, steam trains will be operated on main lines, museum railways and transport museums will be visited as well as other attractions.

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Forth Bridge in Edinburgh. Photo: Heimo Echensperger

Fedecrail Í Edinburgh 2018Í Conference

PROGRAMME : PRELIMINARY OUTLINE Version 4

Event Structure:

- (a) Edinburgh - Business Sessions and immediate following study visits; then transfer to
- (b) Post-Conference Tour . Scottish Highlands, base Inverness for railways and other visits

Part A: BUSINESS SESSIONS + CENTRAL SCOTLAND VISITS

Wed 18.04 - Council Meeting: Part 1 afternoon, usually at main conference hotel

Thu 19.04 - Council Meeting: Part 2 (morning), probably at main conference hotel

- HOG + TOG Operating Working Groups Meetings (afternoon)
- Conference Opening Reception, city centre heritage venue (evening)

Fri 20.04 - Main Business Sessions, National Museum of Scotland NMS # (full day)

- Partners Programme, alternative tour (full day, finish mid-afternoon)
- Main Conference Dinner: National Mining Museum, Newtongrange

Sat 21.04 - Fedecrail General Assembly, NMS # (morning)

- Partners Programme, alternative tour (morning)
- SRPS Forth Circle # Main line steam-hauled train across Forth Bridge (Tbc)
- Group Dinner - North or South Queensferry (Tbc) / Free evening

Sun 22.04 - SRPS Bopess & Kinneil Railway # + Museum of Scotland & Railways #

- Falkirk Canal Wheel+and canal heritage centre

Mon 23.04 - Summerlee Industrial Museum: Tramway Group # + Rail Collection

- Riverside Museum of Transport, Glasgow - collection visit
- Glasgow Central Station Low Level+Heritage Tour (Tbc)

Part B: POST CONFERENCE TOUR : HIGHLANDS of SCOTLAND VISITS

Tue 24.04 - Rail Transfer: Edinburgh > Aviemore > Inverness

- Luggage Van transfers, Edinburgh direct to Inverness hotel(s)
- Strathspey Railway # - en route break, special steam train + visit

Wed 25.04 - Rail Transfer: Inverness > Keith Junction (then coaches for rest of day)

- Keith & Dufftown Railway # - special diesel train + visit
- Glenfiddich Distillery [possibly Strathisla Distillery for part of group]
- Cairngorm Mountain Railway - train to summit and return + visit

- Group Dinner

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Thu 26.04 - West Highland Railway Jacobite Tourist Steam Train (Tbc), alighting at

- Glenfinnan Railway Museum # - visit, optional walk to viaduct
- Coach Transfers: Inverness > Fort William; Glenfinnan > Inverness

Locations which are UK Heritage Railway Association members

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