



PLEA 2017 Edinburgh Castle Party - 2nd July 2017 – 7.00 – 11.00pm

THE GATHERING OF THE PLEA CLANS

You will be met at the Portcullis Gate of the castle by renowned piper Alan Harrison, and guided up to the great Square of one of the most icon castles in the world.

Edinburgh Castle (www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk) has been occupied for at least the two millennia. There was a royal castle on the rock from the reign of David the 1st in the 12th century until 1633 when its buildings became principally a military barracks. As one of the most important strongholds in the Kingdom of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle was involved in some 26 sieges in its 1100-year-old history, giving it a claim to having been the one of the most attacked fortresses in the world. It is also a wonderful place for a party, offering panoramic vistas across the city, the Firth of Forth and the southern uplands of Scotland and an opportunity to explore many of the national treasures during the evening. You can visit:

The Crown Jewels exhibition:

<https://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/discover/highlights/crown-jewels>

The Great Hall:

<https://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/discover/highlights/the-great-hall>

The Royal Apartments:

<https://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/visit/itineraries/the-royal-route>

St Margaret's Chapel:

<https://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/discover/highlights/st-margarets-chapel>

The Prisons of War:

<https://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/discover/highlights/prisons-of-war>

You will have drinks and canapes to the sounds of Karl McRae (www.letsmacmusic.co.uk) and be able to enjoy the spectacle of **Beating the Retreat**:

A historic pageant of military music and precision drill, the Retreat dates as far back as 1690. Traditionally the beating drums of the 'sounding retreat' and lowering of flags signalled an end to the day and the return to camp.

Don't miss this rare chance to network and relax as the PLEA Clans gather for PLEA 2017.

Dress code: Many from Scotland will be wearing kilts and tartans so why not come in your own traditional dress. Let us show the world that PLEA is a truly international movement.