

BURGIE HOUSE

The Overseas Guest

Many visitors come to Scotland to experience its extraordinarily rich and diverse heritage by visiting its impressive castles, walking in its stunning hills, sampling the finest whiskey and playing on its infamous links golf courses. By staying in Burgie House you can go one step further.....

If you are bringing your family or friends over for that one in a lifetime vacation, whatever the reason, we want your stay at Burgie House to be truly memorable. To ensure that you start off on the right foot below are a few things to know and consider.

Please note that accommodation descriptions may be interpreted differently from country to country. Below you will find the generally recognised definitions for accommodation as understood by UK citizens. Please note these measurements are a guideline only and may vary slightly from property to property.

- Single bedroom: one bed (3ft wide)
- Double bedroom: one bed (4ft 6 inches wide)
- Twin bedroom: two beds (3ft wide each)
- King size bedroom: one bed (5ft wide)
- Ensuite bathroom: private bathroom attached to the room via connecting door
- Shared bathroom: a separate room that may be adjacent to, or a short walk along a corridor that is shared by the occupants of two or more bedrooms

Payment of Booking

When booking Burgie House from abroad please contact us to discuss payment. The value of the payment will match the quoted GBP figures. We can give you an indication of the exchange rate should you require. Overseas payments will need to be transferred into the bank, details of which are available on booking.

Electricity

Both the wattage and the shape of electrical sockets is different in the UK. Overseas visitors will be able to use electrical appliances (hairdryer, laptop, etc.) with the help of a plug adapter. These are available from the Internet, hardware and electrical goods stores, some dispensaries and many airports. They also come in sets of adapters for more than one country, useful if the UK is not the only country you plan to travel to. Be sure to buy one with three prongs (US) if your appliance requires it. Men's electric razors sometimes require a unique plug adapter, which

should be labelled as such.

Maybe obvious, maybe not: Do not attempt to plug in a US appliance into a UK socket without a plug adapter, as it may result in breakage, injury or fire.

Money

Legal currency in the UK is pound Sterling (£). Please ensure that you have enough local currency during your stay to enjoy the smaller attractions or amenities that will only accept cash. The majority of supermarkets, pubs, restaurants, garages, dispensaries, and high street shops throughout the UK accept most or all the major credit cards (although sometimes surcharges may apply). The financial section of most newspapers publish the exchange rates. Post Offices in the UK now buy and sell currency as well as the leading Banks.

Tipping

There is no need to tip cash at the bar in hotels or pubs, although you can offer to buy a barman a drink if you are impressed with the service. As far as tipping for meals goes, it all depends on the establishment and how you feel about the quality of the service provided. You would not be expected to tip for meals if you booked a fully catered property, although on leaving if you felt you had received exceptional service you may choose to leave a donation to be given to the staff. Some restaurants **include** a 10% service charge so make sure you check your bill. Minimum wage rules apply in the UK, which means tips supplement income rather than help provide it.

Further Information

If you wish to find out more about travelling to the UK, the British Home Foreign & Commonwealth Office website is always a good place to start: **www.fco.gov.uk**