

OCEANS '07 IEEE Aberdeen

18 – 21 June 2007

Local Information



Aberdeen Airport

On arrival at Aberdeen Airport please make your way to the baggage reclaim to collect your luggage.

For flights coming via Heathrow or other UK domestic airports: Baggage reclaim is located to the left of the main revolving door.

For international flights: Baggage reclaim is located directly after passport control before Customs.

There will be an Oceans '07 information stand in the main airport arrivals area if you require assistance on arrival.

Airline Restrictions

All passengers will be subject to hand baggage restrictions and are asked to arrive at the airport early enough to allow plenty of time for passing through security.

Please be aware that baggage allowances will differ depending on the airline you are travelling with and where you are arriving from. With regard to hand baggage, when one bag is stipulated it literally means **one bag**. A smaller bag can however be placed inside a larger bag for clearing security.

The bag must fit within the following guidelines:

- 56 centimetres tall (approximately 22 inches)
- 45 centimetres wide (approximately 17.7 inches)
- 25 centimetres deep (approximately 10 inches)

All items carried by passengers will be X-ray screened. Cameras and small electrical items such as mobile phones, MP3 players and game consoles can remain in the bag for screening. Laptops and large electrical items must be removed from the bag and placed in a separate tray.

Restrictions are currently still in place regarding carrying liquids in hand baggage on to an aircraft. All liquids must be in individual containers not greater than 100ml capacity. Any such item must be placed in a transparent re-sealable bag, no larger than 20cm x 20cm (8" x 8") in size. The item must fit comfortably inside the bag so it can be fastened closed. Only one bag per passenger is permitted. The bag must be clear and re-sealable, suitable examples are 'ziplock' bags or bags with pressable seals. Larger bags, bags that are not sealable or fold-over sandwich bags are not permitted. All liquid items must be removed from the hand baggage and placed on the conveyor belt for individual x-ray screening.

Sharp items such as nail scissors are not permitted to be carried in hand baggage. They must be placed in the check in luggage or they will be confiscated by airport personnel.

For official confirmation of all restrictions, please check with the airline you are travelling with.



Airport Taxis

There is a taxi rank located just outside the main exit of the Airport. Once out of the revolving door turn left. The journey to the city centre is approximately 7 miles and will take about 15 minutes. The fare will be approximately £16.

Bank Opening Hours

Banks are open Monday to Friday from 0900 – 1700 hrs and Saturday Mornings from 0900 – 1200 hrs. The nearest bank to the AECC is the Bank of Scotland, located 5 minutes away. There is a cash machine within the AECC however please note there is a charge to withdraw money from this machine.

Bus Links

There are 2 buses which run from the Airport to the City Centre – the No. 27 (operated by First Bus) and the No.10 (operated by Stagecoach). Stops for these buses are located directly outside the main terminal building. The journey takes approximately 20 minutes and will cost around £2.00.

To get to AECC from the city centre, take either the No.1 Danestone Bus or No.2 Ashwood Bus (Redline), both operated by First.

A Park and Ride service operates between AECC and Kingswells via the City Centre, Monday to Saturday, with a 10 minute peak and a 15 minute off peak service. Please look for either the No. 40 or 41 buses. This journey will cost approximately £2.00.

Please be aware that First Buses take exact fares only.

Car Hire

There are numerous Car Hire Desks in the Aberdeen Airport Terminal which offer competitive rates. In order to hire a car in the UK you must be over 21 years of age.

In the UK we drive on the **left-hand side** of the road. The speed limit for most built-up areas is 30mph (e.g. in the city) and for 70mph for dual carriageways/motorways and 60 mph for all others.

City Taxis

There are a number of taxi companies in the city. Taxis are metered and cannot be hailed off the street. They must be called for and booked. The main two companies are:

ComCabs	01224 353535
Rainbow City Taxis	01224 878787

Alternatively there are numerous taxi ranks located in the city centre where you can pick up a taxi without telephoning:

Chapel Street – top end of Union Street
Back Wynd – middle of Union Street, opposite Primark
Dee Street – middle of Union Street, beside Burger King
Market Street – bottom end of Union Street, behind Top Shop
Railway Station

If a taxi is required from AECC please use the phone located in the Concourse which is a direct link to Comcabs. Just pick up the phone and you will be connected. When ordering a taxi from the AECC phone please ensure you advise you are at the main concourse entrance.

Many taxis do not take credit cards.



Climate

Scotland and Aberdeen in particular are subject to very changeable weather. In June the temperature should be warm so it is advisable to bring sunscreen, however as this cannot be guaranteed it may be useful to bring some warm items of clothing and a waterproof jacket or umbrella.

Coach Transportation

Coach transportation will be provided as follows:

Date	Journey	Departure Time
Monday 18 June	Various Hotels – AECC	1645 hrs
Monday 18 June	AECC – Patio Hotel	1830 hrs
Monday 18 June	AECC – Various Hotels	1830 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	Various Hotels – AECC	0745 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	AECC – Various Hotels	1830 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	Various Hotels – Ceilidh	1915 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	AECC – Ceilidh	1930 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	AECC – Various Hotels	1930 hrs
Tuesday 19 June	Ceilidh – Various Hotels	2300 hrs
Wednesday 20 June	Various Hotels – AECC	0745 hrs
Wednesday 20 June	AECC – Various Hotels	1630 hrs
Wednesday 20 June	Various Hotels – Conference Banquet	1745 hrs
Wednesday 20 June	Conference Banquet – Various Hotels	2300 hrs
Thursday 21 June	Various Hotels – AECC	0745 hrs
Thursday 21 June	AECC – Various Hotels	1600 hrs
Thursday 21 June	AECC – Airport	1600 hrs

Please note the times mentioned above are provisional and subject to final confirmation and may change

A timetable will be posted at the Conference Registration Desk, at the hotels and in your delegate bag. Please watch for notices and announcements regarding coach times during the conference.

Contacts

For information or queries please contact:

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Currency Exchange

There is a Bureau de Change at Aberdeen Airport Terminal for the exchange of foreign currency. Please note you will be charged commission for this service. Most Aberdeen Post Offices offer a commission free exchange service incorporating a wide range of currencies. Please note that AECC and most retail outlets in Aberdeen **do not** accept Euros.

The currency in the UK is Pounds Sterling. Please be aware that you may come across both Scottish and English notes which look slightly different but are both readily accepted. American Express, MasterCard and Visa are all widely accepted.

Kilt Hire

Philip King Kilt makers in Aberdeen will be hiring out the full kilt outfit to delegates with prices starting from £49 for one night. The outfit can be kept for a second night for an additional £10. Please visit www.philip-king.com/home.html to view the ranges of tartan available or contact info@philip-king.com for further information.



Power

Electric Power is AC 240 volts, 50Hz. Square three-pin plugs are standard and you are advised to bring an adapter, if necessary.

The AECC is Wi-Fi enabled and access can be purchased on site using a credit card. There will also be an Internet Café located in the Exhibition for the duration of the Conference.

Social Events

Civic Reception

The Civic Reception will be held along with Conference Registration in the Concourse at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre from 1730 – 1830 hrs on Monday 18 June 2007. The Lord Provost of Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council are kindly hosting this Reception. Delegates will be welcomed to the city by both the Lord Provost and the Conference Chair.

Exhibitors Reception

The Exhibitors Reception will be held on Tuesday 19 June 2007 from 1730 - 1930hrs in the Oceans '07 IEEE Aberdeen Exhibition Hall at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre. Drinks and canapés will be served while delegates and exhibitors mingle and network amongst the exhibits.

Ceilidh

This pre-purchased ticketed event will be held at Elphinstone Hall on Tuesday 19 June 2007 from 2000 - 2300hrs. This evening will be fun, relaxed and a great chance for delegates to experience some Scottish Country Dancing! A local Ceilidh band along with a caller to provide instruction will play and after a welcome drink and some dancing a traditional Scottish Supper will be served. Transport from the hotels to Elphinstone Hall and back will be provided.

Conference Banquet

Historic Fyvie Castle is situated approximately 25 miles from the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre and is the spectacular location for the Conference Banquet which is being held on Wednesday 20 June 2007. Coaches will take delegates out to Fyvie where they will be greeted by a traditional Scottish piper. Welcome drinks will be served while delegates are treated to a tour of the castle followed by a three-course dinner in a marquee on the South Lawn. Delegates will also be able to experience the traditional 'Address to a Haggis' toast and sample Scotland's best known national dish. This evening promises a taste of Scottish hospitality, culture, cuisine and music along with the chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Transport from the conference hotels to Fyvie Castle and back will be provided.

Shop Opening Hours

Shop opening hours are from 0900 – 1700 hrs Monday to Saturday and from 1100 – 1700 hrs on Sundays. Shops remain open until 2000 hrs on Thursday evenings for late night shopping.

Tourist Information Centre

The Aberdeen Tourist Board is located at the Corner of Union Street and Ship Row, Aberdeen. Telephone: 01224 288 288; Email: info@agtb.org.

