NETWORKING TRIPS

As usual, the OR Society conference will offer delegates a time for networking activity. Our three trips for OR54 on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5 September are as follows:

**Glenkinchie Whisky Distillery** A visit to Glenkinchie involves a short and pleasant coach ride into the rolling farmland of East Lothian. Here you can see a working distillery, the making of a Capital Malt in every respect.

An exhibition of malt whisky is housed in the listed red brick building which was formerly the floor Maltings. At the bar, visitors are able to taste the Glenkinchie Single Malt which has a long, warm finish, with a floral and fruity spiciness. OR54 delegates will receive a £5 off voucher, a distillery tour and two single malt tastings.

*For more about the art of malt whisky distilling, visit [www.discovering-distilleries.com](http://www.discovering-distilleries.com/)*

**Lauriston Castle** Gardens, castle, views of Forth bridge. (The Castle is not currently accessible by wheelchair users. Access is by stairs only because of the historic nature of the building)

The oldest part of the Castle was built in about 1593 for the Napier family. A tour of the Castle includes the principal rooms, from Mr Reid’s well-equipped Study to the elegant Drawing room. See the beautiful Dining room and Library, and marvel at the modern Edwardian Bathroom.

The Castle is set within an historic garden laid out by William Henry Playfair in the 1840s. Overlooking the Firth of Forth and Cramond Island, the views from the garden are magnificent. The recent award winning Japanese Friendship garden, gifted by the prefecture of Kyoto, is a tranquil place to contemplate.

*For more about Lauriston Castle visit [www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/Lauriston-Castle/About](http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/Lauriston-Castle/About)*

**National Museum of Flight** Step back in time at Scotland’s best preserved aircraft museums – home to a rare collection of military and civil aircraft.

Visitors can explore technology or be inspired by history with the museum’s newest exhibitions and collection of aircraft.

The ‘Fortunes of War’ exhibition investigates the First and Second World War heritage of this airfield through the experiences of the people who served here.

There’s an interactive Fantastic Flight exhibition and, of course, visitors can still get up close to some amazing aircraft such as the Avro Vulcan (pictured). You can also follow in the footsteps of the rich and famous and board Concorde!

*For more about this museum, visit [www.nms.ac.uk/our_museums/museum_of_flight.aspx](http://www.nms.ac.uk/our_museums/museum_of_flight.aspx)*

**Or, you can decide what to do on Wednesday afternoon for yourself!**

The Edinburgh pages of the Visit Scotland website [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org/) describe many excellent attractions, activities and entertainment in Scotland’s capital and beautiful surrounding countryside in the Lothians.
EXTEND YOUR STAY to take in the Edinburgh Festival (9 August – 2 September)

The world famous Edinburgh International Arts Festival 2012 is packed full of inspiring drama from some of the world's greatest directors, classical and contemporary dance, world-class opera from across the UK and beyond and beautiful music from a host of international conductors, orchestras and soloists.

For more details of the Edinburgh Festival, visit www.eif.co.uk/

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION for non-conference dates

OR54 Delegates wishing to arrive before the conference should reserve their Conference accommodation first. Unfortunately, we are unable to deal with bookings outside/either side of our conference dates, however, when you have booked your OR54 accommodation online with us you will need to contact the Edinburgh Reservations Department to book in for extra dates. Tel: +44 (0)131 651 2007 or Email: bed.breakfast@ed.ac.uk (contact name not needed).

Please be sure to tell them that you are attending The OR Society conference and they will do their very best to provide you with the same room. Unfortunately, the reduced accommodation rate cannot be provided for these outside dates and a higher accommodation rate will be charged. We also understand that payment for any extra nights has to be paid in advance, but please check this when you call Edinburgh Reservations Department.

THINGS TO DO and other accommodation in Edinburgh

For details of things to see and do in and around Edinburgh – and for accommodation searches other than the OR54 rooms – visit www.edinburgh.org/