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Introduction

Edinburgh is well known to most Leinster supporters, if not for our first European Cup win back in 2009 but many days in the green of Ireland. The size of the city means that much of the many sights to see and things to do can be done on foot.

The city centre is dominated by Edinburgh Castle and features many gardens, while a short distance away is the Royal Yacht Britannia. This weekend is a long one for the Scots with a Bank Holiday on Monday. The Edinburgh Marathon is also taking place so the city will be buzzing!

Getting to Dublin Airport

Aircoach, official coach supplier to Leinster Rugby and the OLSC, operates regular services to and from the airport. Pick-up locations include Ballsbridge, Donnybrook, Stephen’s Green, Westmoreland Street and O’Connell Street, priced from €7 one way. The cheapest fares are available at www.aircoach.ie

If driving, use the code LS060Q9T at www.dublinairport.com to avail of 10% off non-promotional car parking rates. Enter the code when prompted and the reduced rates available to you will be shown on next screen.

Getting from the airport to Edinburgh city centre

When travelling from Edinburgh airport to the city centre it is easiest to take a tram. This is priced at £5.50 one way and £8.50 return. The airport will have staff on hand to sell you tickets and there are also machines at each station that accept Sterling and credit cards. More information can be found at www.edinburghtrams.com Those on charter flights should consult their itinerary for transfer information. In addition to the tram, you can take the Skybus from outside arrivals (£4.50 one way/£7.50 return). This service passes Murrayfield on its way to town. A taxi will cost circa £18 (up to four people) into the city centre.

One-way airport transfer from Glasgow International

We know many supporters will be flying to Glasgow International, served by both Aer Lingus Regional and Ryanair. The OLSC is operating a special one-way direct bus service to Murrayfield to cater for the first flights of the day (EI 3220 and FR 5772) for €12 per person. To book please send payment with your contact details to olsc@leinsterrugby.ie via Paypal, you will then be sent all the details.

If you are not on these early Saturday morning flights, take the 500 ‘shuttle bus’ from outside arrivals that will take you to Buchanan Street bus station where you will need to switch to the 900 bus service that will take you to Edinburgh. A through ticket can be purchased on board and is £11.50 or £16.50 return, the journey time is approximately 90 minutes (excluding connection times). Another option is to take the 100 bus from outside arrivals to Glasgow city centre.

Both Central Station and Queen Street have trains running to Edinburgh, the most frequent services are from Queen Street. The journey time is between 70-90 minutes based on the train you get, tickets are priced from £25 return per person and can be purchased at www.scotrail.co.uk.

Finally, a taxi from Glasgow International to Murrayfield will cost you circa £90
Supporters HQ

Malone’s bar located in the Old Town (near the Grassmarket) and a few minutes walk from the Royal Mile will be our base for the Guinness Pro12 final weekend. Aoibhinn and the crew welcome supporters with selected pints at £3 when you show your season ticket card. Open from 11am on Saturday they serve food all day and close at 1am.

In advance of the weekend check out www.malonesedinburgh.com they are also on Facebook and Twitter @MalonesEd

Flags and Getting dressed!

The flags with the white plastic poles that are handed out in the RDS and Aviva Stadium are cleared as hand luggage with the Dublin Airport Authority so please bring what you can from home.

Remember to be seen and be blue! If you need new Leinster gear head to your local Life Style Sports store to get 10% when you present your plastic season ticket. If ordering online for delivery or shop and collect use ‘OLSC2015’ at www.lifestylesports.com

Top five things to see and do this weekend

1. Guinness Pro12 final at BT Murrayfield. Kick off is 5.30pm Saturday
2. Visit Edinburgh Castle
3. See all the sights with an open top deck bus tour
4. Edinburgh Zoo is near the stadium, ideal for all the family
5. Afternoon tea with a view at Jenners on Princess Street

Getting to the Ground

From the city centre, Murrayfield is two miles away and can be comfortably walked in 45 minutes. There is also the tram that stops outside the ground, however this can be very busy on match days. The tracks on Princess Street are shared with buses so allowing for busy Saturday shopping traffic and the Marathon crowd, we recommend that you plan ahead for the journey and give yourself enough time. There’s no shortage of refreshment options on the way if you do decide to walk. Stop off at nearby Haymarket or just up the road beside the ground there’s the Murrayfield Inn on one side and the Murrayfield Hotel on the other.

Getting to the ground earlier allows you to soak up the atmosphere and removes the stress as kick off approaches.

Guinness Pro12 Final Supporters Village

The West fan village at Murrayfield opens at 2.30pm and this is where the OLSC team will be based giving out flags, face painting and, for those who are game, dying hair with blue hair spray. Turnstiles open at 3.30pm.
**Match-day stadium information**

Do get to the supporters village as early as you can. Those who have been here for a Six Nations fixture will know how busy the approaches can get.

As match tickets were on public sale for nearly a year Leinster supporters are scattered around the ground. Each finalist received just 2,500 tickets and again these are scattered so don't forget to wear as much blue as you can. A season ticket scarf or a blue hat work well, even if you need to wear a dark jacket.

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**Data Roaming**

Capture moments from over the weekend by tagging the OLSC on any Facebook or Twitter posts you publish over the weekend, don't forget the hash tags #COYBIB and on match day #GUINNESSPRO12FINAL. Be sure that you have UK data roaming as part of your package otherwise the charges are 25c per MB above your standard network operators data rate. Outside of any free data roaming you can expect to pay the new EU capped rates of 6c to receive a call, 23c to make a call back home and 7c to send a text (texts remain free to receive).

**Tips for the return journey**

Get to the airport early as security is expected to be busier than normal. Make sure you have your boarding pass printed (or saved to your smart-phone if you checked in online). If flying Aer Lingus Regional you can use either a passport, the new passport card or driver license as identification. Ryanair only accepts a passport or the new passport card.
Keep in touch with the OLSC

You can keep up to date with all the latest news and information from the OLSC on our website, by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter. You can also view all our video content on our YouTube channel. Just search for us or simply scan the QR codes below to find us.

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Welcome to Edinburgh and to BT Murrayfield for the Guinness PRO12 Final.

On behalf of all the players, the coaches and the back room team can I thank you all sincerely for your support this season be that in the RDS, in the Aviva Stadium or on the road. And now finally in Edinburgh. It has not gone unnoticed either the effort and the cost that many of you have undertaken to get here and again we are very grateful.

Edinburgh will bring the curtain down on a challenging season in some ways and certainly a disappointing European campaign but for this group of 56 players to finish top of the Guinness PRO12 regular season after 22 games, is a credit to them and their consistency over the league campaign.

The performance against Ulster in the Play-Off was not perfect but we did see plenty of positives and hopefully we can lift it again one last time when it matters most. Connacht are an excellent side, well coached and have a very good leader in John Muldoon. There was very little between us in the RDS, the same in the Sportsground and I expect it to be no different.

What that performance against Ulster also provided was ample evidence of the real bond that exists between this team and you the supporters.

The RDS was a special place last Friday and the players fed off that energy and responded in kind.

I am also delighted to hear that more than 9,000 of you have already bought Season Tickets for next season and again, that support does not go unnoticed.

Finally, safe travels, enjoy Edinburgh and the game.

Leo Cullen
Head Coach
Message from the Committee

This has been a long rugby season, beginning in August with the Rugby World Cup warm up games. Unfortunately, our European campaign did not take us to Lyon and Ireland ended up third in the Six Nations.

Returning to Murrayfield will summon many fond memories for supporters; the highlight in blue being our first European Cup win against Leicester on a sunny day in May of 2009.

Today could be the last visit to this ground for many Leinster supporters to watch the province play as Edinburgh Rugby recently announced that it will be play its league games two miles away at the 6,000 capacity Myreside from the beginning of next season. Scotland will continue to play their games here.

It’s an all Irish affair as we take on Connacht in front of what is expected to be a 45,000 crowd. Since the finalists were decided last weekend there has been a mad scramble for planes, trains and automobiles to Edinburgh.

Much like European Cup finals, by moving to a neutral ground for the first time, aims to create a festival for rugby supporters regardless of their ‘home’ team. This means there will be many more neutrals at the final than has typically been the case before. Many of these neutrals will be supporting Connacht, as the underdog, so we need as much noise and blue in the stadium is possible.

Those back in Dublin on Saturday should head to The Bridge pub where the away season ticket holder discount will be on. That’s 20% off food and drinks two hours before and after the 5.30pm kick off. They will be showing the game LIVE on their multiple screens.

For those who are unable to get to Murrayfield, check out the OLSC international broadcast guide in Friday’s ezine as well as on leinsterrugby.ie and the OLSC Facebook and Twitter pages for where to watch the game. If you are in London, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Singapore or New York City, head to our supporter bases where the game will be screened LIVE – full details are on the website.

The OLSC committee hopes to see travelling supporters at either Malone’s or at the Supporters Village from when it opens at 2.30pm on match day. We’ll have flags, face paint and blue hair spray (don’t worry it does wash out!) all on a first-come first-served basis.

Finally, it’s up to all of us to get behind the boys in blue for the final and to sing and cheer as loud as we can. The players won’t be leaving anything on the pitch so supporters must do the same. No regrets!

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