

Celebrate Mother's Day 2013 in Edinburgh!



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Mother's Day is right around the corner, and Edinburgh has many wonderful ways to celebrate. The Edinburgh Reporter has some suggestions to help you brighten up your mum's special day of the year!

TREAT YOUR MUM TO AFTERNOON TEA

Mother's Day Chocolate Afternoon Tea at The Scotsman

Times: 2pm – 4pm | Price: £16.95 | 10 March 2013

Served in the elegant Drawing Room, your mum will be treated to the highest luxury from her very first step into The Scotsman Hotel. Apart from the wide selection of teas, coffees, sandwiches, freshly baked scones and the Chef's sweet platter; you will enjoy this tasteful Afternoon Tea accompanied by the harpist -who plays from 2-4pm every Saturday and Sunday. Everything for £16.95 per person -with the option of adding champagne. To book, please contact [The Scotsman Hotel](#) directly on 0131 556 5565.



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Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Melville Castle

Times: 2pm – 5pm | Price: £9.95 | 10 March 2013

If you want to spoil your mum with an original Vintage Afternoon Tea in a breathtaking location, take her to Melville Castle, situated just 20 minutes from the centre of Edinburgh. Apart from the wide selection of teas, sandwiches, tray bakes and freshly baked scones with cream and jam, all mothers will be given a special gift! To book, call 0131 654 0088, or email events@melvillecastle.com

Experience The Balmoral Afternoon Tea

Times: 12pm – 5pm | Price: £25 or £40 | 10 March 2013

Treat your mum to an indulgent afternoon in The Balmoral's award-winning Afternoon Tea venue: Bollinger Bar, at Palm Court. If you want to spend a chic and luxurious afternoon with your mum under the sparkling glass dome and Venetian glass chandelier of Palm Court, this might be the option for you. Choose from a selection of 10 exclusive loose-leaf teas accompanied by a variety of sandwiches, scones and cakes for £25 per person, or £40 if you add a glass of Bollinger Champagne. You can book a table [online](#), by phone on 0131 556 2414 or sending an email to jbeaton@roccofortehotels.com

Ghillie-Dhu Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Times: 12pm – 5pm | Price: £14.95 or £19.95 | 10 March 2013

If you want to experience a traditional and homemade Afternoon Tea in one of Edinburgh's most vibrant and Scottish venues, treat your mother to the Ghillie-Dhu's **'buy one, get one free'** Afternoon Tea for £14.95 per person with tea or coffee -or £19.95 with a glass of Champagne. To book, click [here](#), call 0131 222 9930 or email ghillie-dhu@g1group.com (Advance booking is required)

AN ACTIVE DAY OUT

Mother's Day Weekend at Deep Sea World

Times: 10am – 6pm | 9-10 March 2013 | Battery Quarry, North Queensferry, KY11 1JR

The Deep Sea World is the perfect location for an dynamic family day out to celebrate Mother's Day with a difference. Come and celebrate some sub-aquatic super mums as part of a special Mother's Day weekend. Themed talks and feeding demonstrations throughout the weekend will showcase maternal instincts throughout the natural world – from attentive amphibians to protective piranhas!

Their office hours for bookings and enquiries are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5:30pm. Tickets can be booked [online](#) or by phone on 01383 411880. For more information, visit the [Deep Sea World website](#).

Mother's Day Package at Carberry Tower

Price: £30.00 per person | 10 March 2013 | Musselburgh, East Lothian, EH21 8PY

If you feel like venturing out of Edinburgh to spend a luxurious and unforgettable Mother's Day in a magnificent setting, take your mother to Cranberry Tower Castle, in Musselburgh, only 10 miles far from the city centre.

Their Mother's Day Package is designed to allow mums to relax and unwind. For £30 per person, the package includes: a three course lunch, a handmade gift -created on site by their children and fun family photos taken by the official photographer.

You can also spoil your Mum with a Champagne Afternoon Tea, available at £25.50 per person, or even stay over and enjoy a

night in one of their elegant rooms – available from £159 including dinner and full Scottish breakfast per tower double or twin ensuite.

To book Mother's Day at [Carberry Tower](#), call 0131 665 3135 or [send them an enquiry](#).

Mother's Day at The Edinburgh Castle

9 – 10 March 2013 | Times: 11:15am, 12:15pm, 2:00pm & 3:00pm

Take your mum along to meet Mary Edmund, a lady of the Queen's household, and find out what life was like for a medieval Queen. This historical performance will be hosted in the Great Hall. Event included in normal admission price. Tickets can be booked [online](#). For more information, call 0131 668 8830 or email [Historic Scotland Events Team](#).

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS IDEAS

Mother's Day Gifts at The Botanics

To help you choose the best gift to spoil your mum The Botanics' shop has pulled together a few Mother's Day Gift ideas which won't disappoint her.



'Dried Natural Flowers'
| © The Botanics' Shop

From their luxurious Scottish-made Ladycrow silk scarves (£32) and pewter scarf rings (from £12.50), to their refreshing non-alcoholic Elderberry wine made by Braes O Gowrie (£6), and wonderful natural hand-tied dried flowers arrangements (from £4.75), you're sure to find a unique and stylish gift.

If your mum is a fan of fresh herbs and savoury dishes, the Country Life's indoor windowsill herb set would be a perfect option for you. The set includes three ceramic pots, a ceramic tray, seeds and compost. The ideal gift to encourage her to grow her own basil, chives and parsley for only £9.50. Alternatively a gift of membership would give your mum exclusive access to The Botanics gift and helps support the work of four treasured Scottish Gardens. For more information, click [here](#).

For jewellery lovers, the Botanics shop presents Heathergems' unique and imaginative range of Scottish handcrafted jewellery made in Pitlochry. Using dyed and compressed heather stalks, each item in the Heathergems range has its own distinctive colouring and tones. Prices from £12.

Clare Florist's Daily Giveaway for Mother's Day

From 4 to 8 March 2013 | Clare Florist's [Facebook fan Page](#) | [@ClareFlorist](#)

If your mum is a flower-lover who traditionally likes receiving flowers on special dates, don't forget to top up her Mother's Day with an appropriate bouquet. Whether you are looking for a colourful and cheerful bouquet of mixed spring flowers or a stylish monochrome arrangement of roses or carnations, [Clare Florist](#) has a wide selection of Mother's Day options to suit all tastes and pockets.

To make flowers more accessible to everyone, this Edinburgh-based florist is launching a **Mother's Day 2013 GIVEAWAY event** which will give you the chance to enter a daily bouquet draw from Monday 4th to Friday 8th March 2013. The event will be run on the florist's main social networks where **two bouquets** will be drawn each day (one on Facebook and one on Twitter). Keep an eye out for them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) in the upcoming week to find out how to enter.



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The Edinburgh Reporter would also like to draw your attention to a bouquet of delicate pink roses, alstromerias and lilies personally created by Clare Florist's experienced team to help spread awareness and raise funds for [Alzheimer Scotland](#). The charity is dedicated to help people with dementia, their carers, families and anyone with a concern or query regarding this issue. By sending this bouquet to your mum, you will not only be purchasing a beautiful arrangement of flowers but most important, you will be contributing to a good cause. Clare Florist is donating 10% of these bouquets' selling price to help Alzheimer Scotland keep up their good work. The full range of Mother's Day flowers can be seen [here](#) – all with free standard delivery!

TAKE YOUR MUM OUT FOR LUNCH OR DINNER

BRUNCH AT STEAK



Mother's Day Brunch at Steak, Sunday 10th March 12-4pm with complimentary flowers for Mums. Head Chef Jason Wright has designed a special one off brunch menu especially for the occasion. Call to make a reservation on 0131 556 1289 www.steakedinburgh.com

Steak restaurant, No.12 Picardy Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JT

Special Mother's Day Lunch at The Balmoral

10 March 2013 | £29.95 per person | 1 Princes Street, EH2 2EQ

The Balmoral Hotel will be serving a **three course** seasonal Mother's Day menu in its chic and stylish Hadrian's Brasserie

for **£29.50** per person. To allow mums to relax and enjoy their day completely, children are catered for with their own menu, a selection of toys, games and face painting. See [Hadrian's Mother's Day Menu here](#). Reservations can be made [online](#), by phone on 0131 557 5000 or emailing hadrians.balmoral@roccofortehotels.com

Mother's Day at Frankie & Benny's

10 March 2013 | Omni Centre/ Ocean Terminal/ Gyle Shopping Centre / Straiton

This Mother's Day, treat your mum to a Frankie & Benny's meal and, to help you sweeten her day, she will receive a **FREE box of Chocolates**. (Terms apply -one free box of chocolates with at least two main courses purchased from the main menu.)

This offer will run at all the branches of the restaurant in Scotland. Search for your nearest one [here](#). For more details, visit [Frankie & Benny's website](#).

Mum eats free at Chiquito!

10 March 2013 | 29/31 Frederick Street, EH2 2ND

If your mum is a Mexican food lover, take her to Chiquito to enjoy a **FREE main course** on Sunday March 10th, 2013. Promotion allows your mum a free main meal when another main meal is ordered from their menu. A treat for mum and your pocket! [Chiquito's full menu here](#). Bookings can be made [online](#), or by phone on 0131 225 4579.

Mother's Day Set Menu at Browns

10 March 2013 | £19.95 per person | 131-133 George Street, EH2

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Browns Bar & Brasserie will be offering a **set two course** menu for **£19.95** per person which includes some elaborated dishes such as 'Duck Liver Parfait with pulled Confit Duck Leg', 'Ricotta, Beetroot & White Truffle Tortellini with semi-dried cherry tomatoes' or 'Lobster Tagliatelle'. The menu will be served all day and guests will be given the option to add a third course for only £5. There will also be a 25% discount for bookings after 7pm. Bookings can be made [online](#) or by phone on 0131 225 4442. [Browns' Mother's Day fill menu here.](#)

Mother's Day at The Bonham

10 March 2013 | £26 per person | 35 Drumsheugh Gardens, EH3 7RN

This Mother's Day, spoil your mum with a three course set menu at one of the most stylish boutique hotels in Edinburgh. Set in a quiet residential crescent in the West End of the city, the Bonham's renowned restaurant is a destination in its own right. Awarded the coveted AA rosettes, this restaurant offers fine French style cooking throughout the whole year.

On 10th March, the restaurant is presenting an exclusive **three course** Mother's Day menu for **£26** per person, including half a bottle of wine and a gift bag of handmade gourmet marshmallows for mum. See [The Bonham's Mother's Day Menu here](#). Service time: 12:30pm to 8pm. To book, call 0131 274 7400 or send an email to reserve@thebonham.com.

SPA DAY IN EDINBURGH:



Mother/Daughter experience at Chamomile Sanctuary

10 March 2013 | £69 for two | 4 Alva Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4QG

Spoil your mum this Mother's Day with a visit to Chamomile Sanctuary, the award-winning luxury day spa at Edinburgh's West End.

If spending time together is the important thing, then book their Mother/Daughter experience where both of you will be able to enjoy a manicure followed by tea and cakes in the stunning Drawing Room as you admire your nails and catch up on the girly chat. Priced at £69 for two (normally £90) a great way to get a treat for you too!

Or give your Mum her own treatment, then purchase any gift card for your mum before 10 March and receive a gift card giving you 25% off your next treatment at Chamomile. (Valid for use between 11th March and 30th April and in response to this offer only). For further information or to book, call 0131 220 1000 or send an email to spa@chamomilesanctuary.com