

# Maid of the Forth -2018 sightseeing cruises begin

Family-owned Maid of the Forth has launched their 2018 season and return of their acclaimed sightseeing tours.

From April, tourists and locals alike can blow away the cobwebs, enjoy the great outdoors and get their sea legs on board the popular sightseeing cruise which sets sail from South Queensferry.



Ideal for families, couples and groups, passengers can experience a 90 minute sightseeing cruise or a 3-hour cruise which includes a 90-minute landing trip on the historic island, located just four miles from the Forth Bridges and Queensferry Crossing. Dogs are also welcomed on board.

On Inchcolm, ramble around the monastic abbey, explore the trails, relax on the beach with a picnic and spot the

seabirds. And then there are those spectacular views of Edinburgh, Fife and the Forth Bridges.

The Maid of the Forth open top deck is ideal for spotting the abundance of marine life to be seen such as grey seals, porpoises, dolphins and even the occasional Minke whale.

Refreshments are available on board with a fully stocked bar situated in the lower deck.

Duncan Macrae, Maid of the Forth Skipper, said: "We're delighted to be launching the 2018 season at the beginning of April to give families and those on holiday the chance to enjoy a Maid cruise and enjoy the sights of Edinburgh and the Lothians. Year upon year, we're always blown away by just how popular these cruises are come rain or shine – and with locals who return year on year."

As well as daytime cruises, Maid of the Forth also run a number of musical sunset cruises featuring live jazz or folk music from May onwards. The famed 3-hour cruises which are annual sell-out

also feature a BBQ as well as full bar as well as resident jazz and folk bands.

A 3-hour Inchcolm Landing Trip costs:

adult £20, child (5-15) £10.60, under 5s free. A family ticket (2 adults and 3

children) costs £54.50. A 90-minute cruise (no Inchcolm landing) costs: £14

adults, £7 child (5-15), under 5s free. A family ticket costs £35.

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