

UK 2009 Minesweeper Tournament Information

The first UK minesweeper competition will take place in Stirling (Scotland) on 20 June 2009. I will post more details here soon. So far the plan is to use the Clone for a sum of 5 Expert and 5 Intermediate games...still working on a program for this. Stirling is not very big but it does have a very good bowling centre and lots of pubs!

Getting to Stirling

The earlier you book flights the cheaper they are. Wizzair (Glasgow Prestwick) and Easyjet (Glasgow International & Edinburgh) have the best prices from most of Europe.

Arriving in Glasgow

Glasgow International Airport - Take a bus to Glasgow Queen Street train station. (It costs about £3 and takes 40 minutes). A train ticket to Stirling costs £6.60 and the trip takes about 35 minutes.

Glasgow Prestwick Airport - A train ticket to Stirling costs £11.60 and takes 2 hours. First the train goes to Glasgow Central station, then you walk to Glasgow Queen Street station (10 minutes), and then take the train to Stirling.

Arriving in Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport - The Airlink 100 bus goes to the Edinburgh Waverley train station. (It costs £3.50 and takes 25 minutes). A train ticket to Stirling costs £6.90 and takes 50 minutes.

Arriving in London

Train - A train to Stirling takes 5 hours but only costs £16 ... if you book early! (You can book 12 weeks early at www.nationalrail.co.uk). By June tickets will cost at least £100. London Euston and London Kings Cross are the main stations for going to Scotland.

Gatwick airport has a special train to Euston station, most other airports have buses ... depending on what airport you arrive at, it will take 30-60 minutes and £15-£25 to get to the train stations.

Plane - Flying takes almost as long as the train because of time in the airport. Easyjet costs about £50 to fly to Glasgow International from either Luton/Stansted/Gatwick airports.

Acommodation

Please talk to me before you book a place to stay. I am booking a large room (18 beds) at a local hostel (£12 to £15 a night), but you can also get rooms at the University (single room for about £22 a night). Just send me an email.

Players Competing - as of 19Apr2009

Top 10 - Damien Moore (Scotland / Canada)
Top 20 - Fritz Loehr (Germany)
Top 75 - David Greer (England)
Top125 - Rupert Foggo McKay (England)
Top125 - Jonian Grazhdani (Albania)
Top200 - Gergely Nagy (Hungary)

Players planning to come, waiting for confirmation:

Top 10 - Kamil Muranski (Poland)
Top 10 - Thomas Kolar (Austria)
Top 30 - Bertie Seyffert (South Africa)
Top350 - Michael Jones (England)

Prizes

Will be announced later. Only have trophies planned so far...

Prices for Flights

Here are some examples (checked 02 March 09):

Munich to Glasgow:

Create your perfect flight (step 2 of 5)

Your selection for 1 adult		Change currency to: Select Currency... <input type="button" value="Change"/>	Information and options
Friday 19 June Remove	Munich to Edinburgh flight 6914; dep. Fri 19 Jun 17:25 arr. Fri 19 Jun 18:40	€53.49 per person (incl. taxes and charges)	
Sunday 21 June Remove	Edinburgh to Munich flight 6915; dep. Sun 21 Jun 14:30 arr. Sun 21 Jun 17:45	€84.77 per person (incl. taxes and charges)	
Total baggage and sports equipment charge			€22.00 (total cost)
Total amount due: 1 adult			€160.26 (total cost)
<p>- You can fly back on Wednesday 24th for the same price. If you carry a small bag on the plane (instead of taking a suitcase) you don't have to pay the 22 euro baggage fee.</p>			
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Krakow to Edinburgh:

Create your perfect flight (step 2 of 5)

Your selection for 1 adult		Change currency to: Select Currency... <input type="button" value="Change"/>	Information and options
Friday 19 June Remove	Krakow to Edinburgh flight 6940; dep. Fri 19 Jun 12:10 arr. Fri 19 Jun 13:50	zł 225 per person (incl. taxes and charges)	
Monday 22 June Remove	Edinburgh to Krakow flight 6939; dep. Mon 22 Jun 09:40 arr. Mon 22 Jun 13:25	zł 178 per person (incl. taxes and charges)	
Total baggage and sports equipment charge			zł 90 (total cost)
Total amount due: 1 adult			zł 493 (total cost)
<p>The 90 zlotys is only if you bring a suitcase...if you only bring a bag that fits on the plane it is free. 493 zlotys = 112 euros</p>			
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Moscow to Glasgow:

Type of Ticket	Base Fare/Fuel Surcharge	Taxes	Quantity	Total
Adult	\$262.00	\$138.80	1	\$400.80
Moscow --> Glasgow				
This was online with FlyEurope, if you book with BMA you will save the booking fee			Service Fee:	\$20.00
			Final Price:	\$420.80

Outbound Flight Information

Departure	Arrival	Airline
18 Jun, 2009 7:00 AM Domodedovo Apt (DME)	18 Jun, 2009 8:15 AM Heathrow Int Apt (LHR)	British Midland Airways
18 Jun, 2009 11:05 AM Heathrow Int Apt (LHR)	18 Jun, 2009 12:35 PM Glasgow Int Apt (GLA)	British Midland Airways

Inbound Flight Information

Departure	Arrival	Airline
23 Jun, 2009 3:15 PM Glasgow Int Apt (GLA)	23 Jun, 2009 4:40 PM Heathrow Int Apt (LHR)	British Midland Airways
23 Jun, 2009 10:15 PM Heathrow Int Apt (LHR)	24 Jun, 2009 5:15 AM Domodedovo Apt (DME)	British Midland Airways