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Nira Caledonia

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

As an integral part of the New Town project, Scottish architect William Playfair built these townhouses in 1823. Part of Nira Caledonia was the home of John Wilson, essayist, wit novelist and appointed to the Chair of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh University. Leading writer for Blackwood's Magazine, he used the pen name of Christopher North and was regarded as 'the greatest magazine writer of his time', living life to the fullest with a flamboyant personality.

These refined Georgian townhouses stick to their heritage while whispering of modern luxury. They pay homage to Scottish design from detailed cornices, traditional sash windows and wooden flooring to spiral staircases and embossed tartan patterns. No lift or air-conditioning is installed to preserve these grade-A listed Georgian townhouses' delicate structures and historical heritage. This boutique hotel is perfectly located, sharing sides with the UNESCO World Heritage Site of New Town and the picturesque Stockbridge, tucked away from the bustling city.

Stockbridge has a historic village feel, elevated by the weekly farmers' market, offering cosy independent boutiques and delicious delis.

In contrast, New Town shows its lively side, equipped with elegantly terraced houses, luxury boutiques and renowned restaurants. This gives an option for guests to unwind in the tranquil peace and quiet of Stockbridge or explore the bustling streets of New Town for a city lifestyle.

Just around the corner, the Water of Leith's promenade strolls from the Dean Village to the Royal Britannia Yacht's docks. Visitors are invited to relax and indulge in Scottish delicacies provided by the in-house restaurant and bar, Blackwood's, blazed by the Jospers' flames. Keeping food miles to a minimum, the menu offers succulent Scottish dishes with a continental twist.

A Scottish-distilled whisky tasting experience awaits in the evening, pairing selected labels with a single-cask amber whisky created by Adelphi Distillery exclusively for Nira Caledonia, each edition limited to only 24 bottles.

Need to know

KEY FACILITIES

- 27 rooms
- 3 Jacuzzi-equipped suites
- Blackwood's Restaurant & Bar
- SLH quality-assured concierge services

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