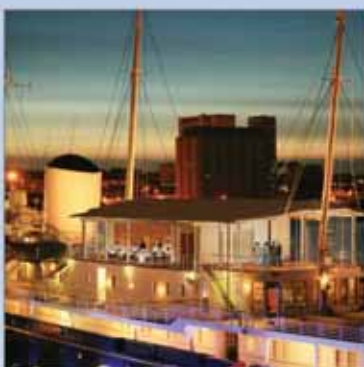




Fireworks over Royal Yacht Britannia



Champagne reception on board



Artist's impression of Britannia's Royal Deck

On the horizon

Currently under construction or under planning are around 2,000 new hotel rooms, which will become available over the next two years.

The Royal Yacht *Britannia* January 09

Britannia's Royal Deck is being brought back into use as a stunning new room for dinners and receptions to complement those currently hosted in the State Apartments. This room will enhance the range and size of events that *Britannia* can host on board.

Traditionally, the Royal Deck would be covered with an awning and used by the Royal Family for cocktail parties, receptions and deck games. From winter 2008 the historic appearance of the Royal Deck will be replicated with an awning-style roof, glass walls and original teak deck.

Receptions and dinners are already held on board in the State Drawing Room and Dining Room. The Royal Deck will bring *Britannia's* dining capacity up to 176 and receptions

up to 380, when used with the State Apartments. The room will also extend the evening entertainment opportunities available, with possibilities for jazz and swing bands or ceilidhs.

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New £5m development at the George Hotel – February 09

Following last year's £12m refurbishment and development programme of the iconic George Hotel in the heart of Edinburgh, there is yet more exciting news with the construction of a brand new £5m building on Thistle Street. The new building joins seamlessly to the existing hotel and offers 50 new deluxe bedrooms, a gym with luxurious treatment rooms as well as sauna and steam rooms. A first for the George is the new executive club lounge on the fifth floor of the new building with beautiful outside terraces and panoramic views of Edinburgh Castle.

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