



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
The Alwaleed Centre

Visit to Edinburgh of HE Dr Mustafa Ceric and Mrs Azra Ceric

Wednesday 22nd - Saturday 25th August 2012

Wednesday 22nd August

- 13:10 Depart Sarajevo International Airport on flight LH1721
- 14:35 Arrive Munich International Airport
- 17:05 Depart Munich International Airport on flight LH2292
- 18:25 Arrive Brussels International Airport
- 19:40 Depart Brussels Airport on flight LH6610
- 20:15 Arrive Edinburgh Airport
- 20:30 Met at Edinburgh Airport by Professor Hugh Goddard (Director, Edinburgh Alwaleed Centre) and chauffeur. Driven to Roxburghe Hotel, City Centre
- 21:00 Arrive and check-in at Roxburghe Hotel Edinburgh. Greeted at hotel by Mr Tom Lea (Outreach Projects Manager, Alwaleed Centre)

END OF DAY





Thursday 23rd August

Dr and Mrs Ceric have no formal engagements until the evening on Thursday 23rd. They are welcome to spend the day as they wish. Equally, we are happy to arrange a tour of the city if this would be welcomed.

There is an event which maybe of interest at the Book Festival featuring author Shadakat Kadri entitled “Debunking the myths about Shari’a Law”. This event begins at 4pm and Dr and Mrs Ceric would be welcome to attend.

Dr George Wilkes from the University of Edinburgh’s School of Divinity has requested a short meeting with Dr Ceric to discuss his research project “Religion and trust-building in truth and reconciliation work in Bosnia-Herzegovina”. This has been provisionally arranged for 2pm today but only if Dr Ceric is happy to meet Dr Wilkes.

18:00 Meeting with Professor Hugh Goddard at Roxburghe Hotel to discuss Book Festival and event

18:15 Arrive Charlotte Square (Book Festival venue)

18:30 Meet fellow panellists for informal discussion before event

19:00 – **EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL EVENT:**
20:15 **Rethinking Islam**
Is Radical Islam the World’s Greatest Threat?

Tony Blair described radical Islam as ‘the world’s greatest threat.’ Others argue that the widespread embracing of Islam has generally been thanks to its tolerance and its mission to deliver justice. The reality is more nuanced with recent history requiring us to re-evaluate our hopes and fears for the future. Dr Mustafa Ceric, Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sudanese author Parker Bilal and academic Philip Hiro present perspectives from Europe, Africa and Afghanistan. Chaired by Ruth Wishart

20:15 – Reception and opportunity for further discussion
21:30

END OF DAY





Friday 24th August

- 11:30 Depart for Alwaleed Centre
- 11:45 Arrive at the Alwaleed Centre (University of Edinburgh) where a light lunch will be provided
- 12:30 Arrive at King Fahd Mosque, Edinburgh
- 12:30-13:30 Lead prayer and deliver khutbah at Edinburgh's Central Mosque
- 14:00 - 17:00 Free time
- 17:00 Met by Tom Lea at Roxburghe Hotel and escorted to St John's Church (venue for Festival of Spirituality and Peace event)
- 17:15 Meet with Rev Donald Reeves and Professor Hugh Goddard for informal discussion in advance of event
- 18:00-19:00 **FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALITY AND PEACE EVENT:
Bosnia Twenty Years On**
- The year 2012 is the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of the worst conflict in Europe since the end of World War II, the civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which culminated in the massacre of over 8000 Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica in 1995. Territorial, ethnic, political and religious factors all played a part in the conflict, and remain active in the region, but attempts at peacemaking and reconciliation have been made by both political and religious actors.
- In the light of the 20th anniversary of the start of the Bosnian War, Mustafa Ceric, the Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Revd Donald Reeves, the Director of the Soul of Europe and Professor Hugh Goddard, Director of the Prince Alwaleed Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World, will discuss the legacy of the conflict, and the role of faith community initiatives in bringing about healing.
- 19:00-20:00 Reception and opportunity for further discussion

END OF DAY





Saturday 25th August

Dr and Mrs Ceric will be escorted to Edinburgh airport in order to catch their flight to the United States.

END OF VISIT PROGRAMME

