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This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors

## Access Statement for Leonardo Hotel Inverness

### Introduction

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We are a city centre hotel and are approximately a 10–15-minute walk/drive into the town centre. We are located adjacent to the railway station with excellent public transport links to trains, buses and we use an environmentally friendly taxi firm. There is a gradual - medium hill to walk to and from town (about 15%). We have 118 rooms over 5 floors. The ground floor has no bedrooms on it but every floor is accessible by lift. On nearly every floor there are partly accessible rooms and fully accessible rooms - suitable for people with all kinds of access needs.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01463 25 25 25 or email [TIN\\_operations@leonardohotels.com](mailto:TIN_operations@leonardohotels.com).



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## Pre-Arrival

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- The nearest railway station is Inverness Station and is located approx. a 20-minute walk away.
- We use a local taxi firm who have an accessible taxi service available - they advise that these are pre-booked in advance as they cannot guarantee they will be available right away.
- All local bus routes operated with low floor buses. There are a few older single deck buses still in service without a ramp or a designated wheelchair space, but they are low floor. A few services are not yet wheelchair accessible, so it's advised to call customer services on 01463 233371 to see which journeys will have a wheelchair accessible bus that day.
- All the bus stops are located at the front and rear of the train station which is around a 2-minute walk away. To take the bus from the town centre to Jurys Inn, take the buses 10, 11 or 5.
- We have menus available in Large Print.

## Car Parking and Arrival

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- We do have onsite parking facilities. Parking is free for all guests.
  - The surface from the car park to the hotel is even paving.
  - The car park is well lit and en route to the hotel there is street lighting.
  - There are drop off bays opposite the front door.
  - When entering the building there are automatic doors - these are never locked as we have a 24-hour manned reception. There are no steps to the main entrance and no ramps, there is level access throughout.
  - If a guest is not able to take their own luggage to the bedroom - we will take it for them.
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### Main Entrance / Reception / Welcome Area

The reception is located immediately inside the front doors on the ground floor with no steps.

- There is a lift available to all floors from the reception. The ground floor is level throughout, and access is available to all floors by lift.
- Pushchairs and wheelchairs can manoeuvre easily around reception, the lobby and bar areas.
- All areas in reception and the lobby are well lit with LED spotlights in the ceilings.
- We frequently accommodate show rounds of the property - we advise to pre-book with our Events co-ordinator.



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### Bedrooms



We have no ground floor bedrooms, but every floor is accessible by lift.

- On nearly every floor there are both fully accessible and partly accessible bedrooms. All the beds are lower, bedside units and coffee stations and there are lower rails in the wardrobes.
- Bedroom doors are marked with the door number on the front - these are not raised in Braille format.
- All furniture in the bedrooms can be moved around at the guests request and can also be removed.
- The beds in our accessible rooms are zip locked but can be made into singles.
- The space next to the bed for wheelchair users to transfer onto the bed is 70.5".
- The height of the beds to the top of the mattress is 22".
- The clear space under the beds in the accessible rooms is 7".
- The bedroom is lit with LED wall lights and 2 spotlights above the bed.
- Additional lighting can be requested but is not guaranteed.
- The walls and doors are of a cream colour, with one wall in the bedroom a sandy colour, the carpets are red. There are carpets in the bedroom throughout.
- Non-feather, non allergenic bedding can be requested but it is not guaranteed.
- Our accessible bedroom phone has a flashing light indicator enabling the call to be seen and heard.
- Instructions on how to activate subtitles on the TV can be obtained from reception. For our guests who are hearing impaired we have doorbells available on request, which have a flashing LED light to alert them when somebody is at the door.



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### Bathrooms, Shower-rooms and Toilets

- A fully accessible room has no bath in the bathroom but there is a wet room shower, with a seat attached to the wall.
- The clear door opening width of the bathroom door is 35".
- In fully accessible bathrooms the shower is separate in the partly accessible bathrooms the shower is above the bath.
- The height of the WC from floor to seat is 19" and the transfer side when looking at the WC is to the right.
- The height of the wash basin 27.5" and there is clear space under the sink.
- Support/grab rails are located next to the toilets.
- The taps throughout are lever and turn style.
- The shower dials are on a turn mechanism only in the partly accessible rooms.
- The bathrooms are well lit with wall lights and florescent tubes over the mirrors which are fully encased.
- The towels are white.
- There is red emergency pull cords located in the bathrooms with re-set boxes for these located inside the bedroom doors and next to the bed.
- Our taps in our accessible bathrooms have been embossed with hot and cold tactile markers.
- There is a seat height raiser available upon request.
- A bathing board is available upon request.



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### Public Areas - Halls, Stairs, Landings, Corridors

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- The corridors are well lit with wall lights and spotlights in the ceiling.
- The flooring on all corridors is carpeted.
- We have two lifts from reception to all floors - these all come with audible announcements (the lift buttons are equipped with braille, and they all have mirrors). The lift announces which floor you are on as the door opens.
- The refuge areas are located on each corridor stairway with a refuge call point at each one

### Public Areas - Lounges, Lobbies

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- Our lobby/lounge area is located immediately inside the front door with level entry. These are accessed through the main doors.
  - These areas are level throughout with access space between furniture, with a combination of high and low tables, couch and bucket chairs.
  - These areas are all well-lit with ceiling lights, wall lights and we also have floor lamps.
  - The flooring is a mixture of wood and carpet.
  - There is a TV in the lounge area.
  - Bar Food and drink can be consumed in these areas if requested.
  - The nearest WC's and accessible WC are located on the same level just on the left of the bar counter
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### Restaurant/Dining Room, Bar & Bar area

- The bar and restaurant are located on the ground floor and are level throughout.
- There is space for wheelchairs and push chairs and furniture can be moved if necessary.
- The lights in the bar and restaurant are dimmed in the evenings but remain on during the day.
- The flooring is carpeted with a small wooden area at the back of the restaurant.
- We try to accommodate any dietary requests and ask that we are informed in advance.
- We provide room service from 12pm to 10.30pm with a £6.00 tray charge.
- Both bar and restaurant food will be brought to you when ready, breakfast is a self-service buffet. Assistance is available if necessary.
- Staff can read out the menu if required.
- All of our crockery is white; cutlery silver and the tables do not have cloths on them.
- The nearest WC and accessible WC is on the same level just on the right of reception through the corridors.



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### Public Toilets

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- The public/accessible WCs are located on the ground floor just past the reception. The accessible WC is a unisex toilet, and it is not locked.
- There are no ramps or steps to gain access to the toilets.
- There is clear space for a wheelchair. • There is a grab rail (when facing the WC) to the left of the toilet.
- If guests need assistance, there is a red emergency pull cord in the toilet which is linked to our reception desk.
- Our taps in our accessible public toilets are marked with tactile mark to distinguish hot and cold.



### Conference and Meeting Room

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- We have three meeting rooms in total on the ground level.
- There is level access throughout. Either floor is suitable for a wheelchair or a pushchair.
- All areas are well lit with spotlights and wall lights.
- Furniture can be moved in the suites and the lobby areas upon request.
- The floor surfaces are all carpeted
- The contact for conference/meeting hire is Catriona Mackay ([catrionamackay@jurysinns.com](mailto:catrionamackay@jurysinns.com))
- There are WC's and accessible WCs located directly outside of the meeting rooms.

Email: [invernessconference@leonardohotels.com](mailto:invernessconference@leonardohotels.com)

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## Gym and Leisure

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Our gym and leisure facilities are located on the ground floor which is accessible through main reception and bar. It is tiled rubber flooring throughout the gym.

Our fitness centre is open from 06:30-21:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00-19:00 Saturday and 08:00-20:00 on Sunday. Towels and cold water are available at no charge and located inside the gym. There are emergency call buttons in the pool side – these are buttons fitted to the wall rather than the usual red pull cords.



## Additional Information

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As health, comfort and safety are of the utmost importance to us, our hotel staff have received disability awareness training. Please do contact our Front Office Manager if there is something that needs our attention. We will endeavour to ensure that your individual needs are met wherever reasonably possible. Advice about evacuation should you need assistance (in the unlikely event of an emergency) should be discussed directly with the hotel. Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) We understand that many people will be able to leave the building unaided; however, some may require assistance.

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Therefore, we would like to offer you the opportunity to have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to ensure that you can leave the building safely in the event of an emergency. The plan will explain what options you wish to take in the event of a fire evacuation. The plan will also state who is designated to assist you in our evacuation should you require this.

- We welcome assistance dogs.
  - LED lighting is used throughout the entire building.
  - The signage used in the hotel is of a medium font on a grey/silver background - pictograms are not used.
  - The local hospital is Raigmore.
  - There is free WiFi at the hotel.
  - Reception can provide information on local attractions.
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- All of our staff receives regular training that includes disability awareness training. If you have specific access requirements with regards to evacuating during an emergency evacuation, please make this known to reception. Should the fire alarm sound during your stay you will need to evacuate the building by using the nearest emergency exit stairwell nearest to your bedroom. The meeting point is the parking lot outside the main entrance

### Contact Information

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