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Edinburgh effortlessly balances its weighty history with contemporary energy. The Royal Mile's weathered cobbles lead past medieval closes and modern whisky bars, while the shopfronts of Princes Street mirror the jagged skyline of the Old Town. By day, you can hike up Arthur's Seat for panoramas that stretch to the Firth of Forth; by evening, join the animated crowds at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe or browse the shelves of independent bookshops. Scotland's compact, hilly capital is a city where every alley holds a story waiting to be uncovered.

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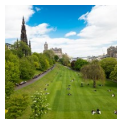
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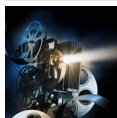
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Edinburgh's origins can be traced back to the 7th century when it was settled by the Celtic Votadini tribe. By the 10th century, the city had become a prominent stronghold known as 'Dun Eideann' under Scottish rule. The construction of Edinburgh Castle atop Castle Rock in the 12th century solidified its power and played a crucial role in conflicts such as the Wars of Scottish Independence. In 1437, Edinburgh was officially declared the capital of Scotland.

Over the centuries, Edinburgh thrived as a hub of trade and culture. The establishment of the University of Edinburgh in 1583 further enhanced its reputation as an intellectual centre. The 18th-century Enlightenment era brought significant advancements in various fields, with influential figures like David Hume and Adam Smith contributing to Edinburgh's intellectual legacy.

In the 19th century, Edinburgh underwent a transformation during the Industrial Revolution. The city expanded beyond the boundaries of the Old Town with the construction of the Georgian New Town, showcasing stunning neoclassical architecture and becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Edinburgh continued to evolve in the 20th

century, facing both challenges and milestones. The city experienced significant growth and modernisation, with the establishment of renowned festivals such as the Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, solidifying its reputation as a cultural capital.

Today, Edinburgh stands as a thriving cosmopolitan city, blending its ancient heritage with a vibrant contemporary spirit. Its iconic landmarks, including Edinburgh Castle, Royal Mile, and Arthur's Seat, attract millions of visitors each year, while its world-class universities, dynamic arts scene, and bustling festivals contribute to its global appeal.

DO & SEE



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Edinburgh offers a myriad of attractions and activities to explore. Begin by strolling along the historic Royal Mile, dotted with iconic landmarks such as Edinburgh Castle, St Giles' Cathedral, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Delve into the city's rich history at the National Museum of Scotland or take a ghost tour through the underground vaults. Immerse yourself in literary history at the Writers' Museum or visit the birthplace of Harry Potter at The Elephant House café. Don't miss the vibrant atmosphere of the Grassmarket, where you can enjoy lively pubs and charming shops. For breathtaking views,

hike up Arthur's Seat or visit Calton Hill. End your day with a visit to the Royal Botanic Garden or catch a show at one of the city's renowned theatres.

Edinburgh Castle



Perched atop Castle Rock, overlooking Scotland's capital for over a millennium, the iconic Edinburgh Castle holds a storied past as a military fortress and royal residence. Today, it stands proudly as a museum, showcasing a wealth of historic and precious treasures. Admire the splendour of the Scottish Crown Jewels, marvel at the ancient Stone of Destiny, and witness the medieval bombard known as Mons Meg. After exploring the castle's interior, venture outside to stroll along the charming cobbled promenades and meander through winding stone steps. As you do, take in the breathtaking vistas that stretch across the city, providing a picturesque backdrop to your visit.

Photo: MarcAndreLeTourneux/shutterstock
Address: Castlehill, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +44 131 225 9846
Internet: www.edinburghcastle.scot

St Giles' Cathedral



St Giles' Cathedral, the historic "Mother Kirk of Scotland", has been a focal point of religious and civic life on the Royal Mile since 1124. Its architecture is a tapestry of centuries, but the cathedral is most famous as the epicentre of the Scottish Reformation under firebrand minister John Knox. While the main body of the kirk is

imposing, its greatest artistic treasure is the Thistle Chapel, an astonishingly detailed 1911 Gothic space housing Scotland's chivalric order.

You can admire the beautiful stained-glass windows, see an original National Covenant, and find the bronze memorial to Robert Louis Stevenson. Just outside the west door, the Heart of Midlothian set into the cobbles is traditionally spat upon for luck. Free tours and audio guides help unravel the complex history within this essential Edinburgh landmark.

Photo: Ulmus Media/shutterstock
Address: High Street, Edinburgh
Internet: www.stgilescathedral.org.uk

Old Town



Kick off your visit to Edinburgh with a visit to the Old Town. With its narrow winding streets, medieval architecture and centuries-old buildings, this charming district is the best place to get a glimpse into the city's rich heritage. Stroll along the famous Royal Mile, a vibrant thoroughfare lined with shops, traditional pubs and historical sites. Explore the hidden 'closes' and alleys that unveil stories of Edinburgh's past, and visit iconic landmarks like the imposing Edinburgh Castle and the beautiful St Giles' Cathedral.

Photo: Arcady/shutterstock
Address: Old Town, Edinburgh

Royal Mile Guided Walking Tour



Dive into Edinburgh's historic past and discover the city's acclaimed landmarks and hidden secrets on this Royal Mile guided walking tour.

Follow your guide along Edinburgh's legendary Royal Mile as you gain a fascinating insight into the famous writers, poets, and inventors who have called the city home. Hear tales of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, and see top landmarks like St Giles' Cathedral and the National Galleries of Scotland.

Photo: JeniFoto/shutterstock

Address: Meeting point: The Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh

Internet: www.edinburghguidedtour.com

Calton Hill



Calton Hill offers one of Edinburgh's most accessible and spectacular viewpoints with a 360-degree panorama of the city, the Firth of Forth and Arthur's Seat. A UNESCO World Heritage site, its summit is dotted with neoclassical monuments, earning it the nickname "Edinburgh's Acropolis". Key structures include the unfinished National Monument, modelled after the Parthenon; the Nelson Monument with its time-ball telescope; and the Dugald Stewart Monument, a familiar city landmark.

Importantly, the hill is also home to St Andrew's House, the headquarters of the Scottish Government, and the historic Old Royal High School. Today, the former City Observatory houses Collective, a contemporary art gallery. A short, gentle climb from Princes Street, Calton

Hill is an unmissable stop for any traveller.

Photo: Arcady/shutterstock

Internet: www.introducingedinburgh.com/calton-hill

Loch Ness, Glencoe & the Highlands Day Tour from Edinburgh



Discover the enigmatic Loch Ness and the sublime Scottish Highlands on this day trip from Edinburgh. See wooded lochs and

tucked-away villages as you journey through spectacular scenery en route to Glencoe and Fort Augustus. Explore the famous Cairngorms National Park and soak up the stunning views of the Scottish Highlands, with an optional cruise for a chance to spot Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster.

Photo: Connor Mollison/unsplash

Address: Meeting point: Edinburgh Bus Station

Internet: www.rabbies.com/en/scotland-tours/from-edinburgh

Rosslyn Chapel



Rosslyn Chapel, founded in 1446 as the Collegiate Church of St Matthew, is a masterpiece of stone carving shrouded in mystery. Its interior is a

dense tapestry of carved symbols, where biblical scenes, naturalistic figures and enigmatic patterns cover almost every surface. The chapel's 40-year construction period yielded this unique and ornate stonework, which has inspired countless myths and legends. This fascination was only amplified by its feature in "The Da Vinci Code". After exploring the intricate carvings and their intriguing tales, extend your visit with a peaceful walk through the adjacent Roslin Glen

Country Park.

Photo: Misty River/shutterstock

Address: Chapel Loan, Roslin

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm

Phone: +44 131 440 2159

Internet: www.rosslynchapel.com

More Info: 10 kilometres south of Edinburgh

Water of Leith Walkway



The Water of Leith Walkway is a 20-kilometre footpath and cycleway that offers a serene escape through the heart of Edinburgh.

Following the city's main river from Balerno to the port of Leith, this gently descending trail immerses you in lush greenery, away from city traffic. It connects several key attractions, including the picturesque Dean Village with its iconic St Bernard's Well, the Royal Botanic Garden, and the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art.

The path is a haven for wildlife, where herons, swans and darting fish are common sights. Popular with walkers, joggers and cyclists, it's a peaceful, car-free route for exploring the more intimate side of the city. An audio trail is available for a guided experience, and public art like Anthony Gormley's 6 Times statues dot the route.

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Internet: www.waterofleith.org.uk/walkway

National Museum of Scotland



The National Museum of Scotland presents the nation's history and global collections across two architecturally distinct buildings. The

modern Museum of Scotland building (opened in 1998) is dedicated to Scottish history, from geological origins to the 20th century. It connects to the original Royal Museum, a Victorian masterpiece with a stunning glass-roofed Grand Gallery housing an eclectic collection of artefacts from world cultures, rare gems of natural history, and numerous science exhibits. Together, they showcase everything from Dolly the Sheep and Ancient Egyptian mummies to the Scottish Maiden — a predecessor to the French guillotine.

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Address: Chambers Street, Edinburgh

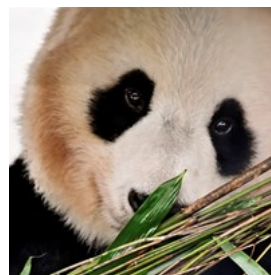
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +44 300 123 6789

Internet: www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland

Email: info@nms.ac.uk

Edinburgh Zoo



Explore the lives of over 1,000 animal species from all over the world. Watch giant pandas, big cats, penguins and other birds, or take part in

some of the interactive activities offered by this non-profit zoological park. Don't miss out on the Edinburgh Zoo gardens, a lush paradise with countless exotic flowers and plants.

Photo: [Pete Hancock/shutterstock](#)

Address: 134 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 334 9171

Internet: www.edinburghzoo.org.uk
Email: info@rzss.org.uk

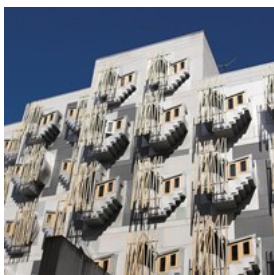
Royal Botanic Garden



Founded in 1670, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is one of the world's oldest and most respected scientific gardens in the world. Its beautifully landscaped grounds offer a serene escape with a rich collection of plants, from a world-famous rock garden to colourful rhododendron displays. The splendid Victorian Palm Houses are a major highlight, housing exotic flora (entry fee applies). A second key attraction is the modern, eco-friendly John Hope Gateway, which features exhibitions on biodiversity and sustainability. More than just a park, it's a living institution of global significance, perfect for a peaceful stroll or deeper exploration.

Photo: [Makhh/shutterstock](#)
Address: Arboretum Place, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Daily from 10am
Internet: www.rbge.org.uk
Email: visitorwelcome@rbge.org.uk

Scottish Parliament Building



The Scottish Parliament Building at the foot of the Royal Mile is a striking, award-winning complex designed by the late Catalan architect Enric Miralles. Opened in 2004, its unconventional forms are deeply symbolic, intended to represent an open, well-rooted democracy. The journey through the building is a key part of the experience, moving from the cave-like Main Hall up to the light-filled Debating Chamber. You can

take a free guided tour to understand the architecture's meaning, watch parliamentary debates from the public gallery (tickets required, typically Tuesday-Thursday), or explore the exhibition space. It is a must-see for its bold design as much as for its political significance.

Photo: [Cristapper/shutterstock](#)
Address: The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed
Phone: +44 131 348 5000
Internet: www.parliament.scot
Email: info@parliament.scot

Underground Vaults



Beneath Edinburgh's South Bridge lie a network of 18th-century chambers known as the Underground Vaults. Originally used for storage by bridge merchants, these damp, lightless spaces later descended into slums, illicit taverns, and hideouts for criminals and body snatchers. A one-hour guided tour will lead you through this spooky labyrinth, with costumed guides sharing dark tales of the city's past inhabitants, from the desperate poor to the infamous Burke and Hare body snatchers.

For daredevils seeking a stronger thrill, the same operator offers themed variations. These include ghost tours focusing on paranormal activity, tales of persecution and witchcraft, or visits to a nearby cemetery, often incorporating displays of historical torture devices.

Photo: [Marcel Strelow/shutterstock](#)
Address: Departure point: Red Telephone Box & Tourist Information Police Box, 300 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh
Internet: www.auldreekietours.com

Palace of Holyroodhouse



As the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland, this iconic landmark offers a fascinating glimpse into the royal past and present. Visitors can explore the grand state apartments, walk through the gardens, and immerse themselves in the rich stories of Scottish royalty. With its stunning architecture, impressive art collection, and connection to notable historical events, the Palace of Holyroodhouse stands as a testament to Scotland's regal heritage and remains a must-visit attraction for any history enthusiast.

Photo: JeniFoto/shutterstock

Address: Canongate, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 303 123 7306

Internet: www.rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse

Scottish Seabird Centre



Immerse yourself in the marvels of Scotland's marine environment at the Scottish Seabird Centre, located in the picturesque coastal town of North Berwick. This renowned conservation and education charity offers a fascinating experience for nature enthusiasts. Discover the world of sea birds and mammals through interactive displays and a dedicated discovery area, and embark on seasonal seafaris to witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

Photo: Ondrej Prosicky/shutterstock

Address: The Harbour, Harbour Terrace, North Berwick

Opening hours: Daily from 10am

Phone: +44 1620 890202

Internet: www.seabird.org

Email: info@seabird.org

Camera Obscura & World of Illusions



Explore the exciting world of optical illusions at Camera Obscura & World of Illusions, a unique museum that offers five floors of immersive fun. Lose yourself in mind-bending experiences as you navigate through intriguing mirror rooms and test your balance in the thrilling vortex tunnel. As a bonus, don't forget to ascend to the rooftop for the best panoramic views of Edinburgh.

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Address: 549 Castlehill, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 226 3709

Internet: www.camera-obscura.co.uk

Email: info@camera-obscura.co.uk

Edinburgh Dungeon



Step into the Edinburgh Dungeon and experience 500 years of Scotland's most haunting history. Be captivated by the performances of theatrical actors, mesmerising storytelling, and cool special effects that bring the scenes and stages to life. The bravest ones can also hop on one of the two scary rides. Guided tours depart every 10 minutes.

Photo: Viacheslav Nikolaenko/shutterstock

Address: 31 Market Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 240 1041

Internet: www.thedungeons.com/edinburgh

Email: edinburgh.dungeon@merlinentertainments.biz

Festival Theatre



Alongside the King's Theatre, the Festival Theatre stands as one of Edinburgh's premier venues for performing arts. Its modern

architectural marvel is a sight to behold, but the true magic lies within its doors. Immerse yourself in the mesmerising world of national opera and ballet shows, where talented performers grace the stage with their artistry.

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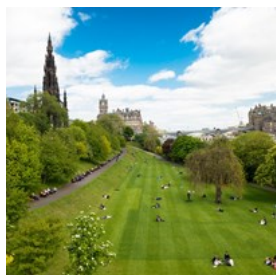
Address: 13-29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 529 6000

Internet: www.capitaltheatres.com

Email: digital@capitaltheatres.com

Princes Street Gardens



Princes Street Gardens is a dramatic swathe of greenery in Edinburgh's very centre, directly beneath Castle Rock.

These twin parks — East and West — were created in the 1820s after the draining of the polluted Nor Loch, a medieval defensive lake. They are separated by The Mound, an artificial hill formed from excavation debris during the New Town's construction.

The West Garden is larger and home to the Ross Bandstand, a stage for summer concerts and Hogmanay celebrations. Near The Mound entrance, the intricate Floral Clock blooms with a new design each year since 1903.

More than just a scenic shortcut, the gardens are a testament to city-making: a Victorian solution to urban blight that became one of Edinburgh's most beloved civic spaces, perfect for a stroll, a

picnic, or simply admiring the iconic views.

Photo: Pablo Rogat/shutterstock

Address: Princes Street, Edinburgh

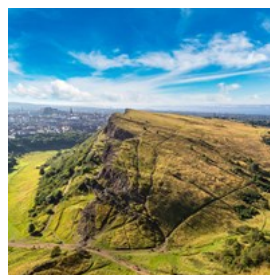
Opening hours: Daily 7am-9:35pm

Phone: +44 131 529 7921

Internet:

www.introducingedinburgh.com/princes-street-gardens

Arthur's Seat



Arthur's Seat is the rugged centrepiece of Holyrood Park, an ancient volcano shaped by ice ages. Its summit, rising 251 metres above the

city, offers one of Edinburgh's most rewarding panoramas, stretching from the Forth bridges to the Highlands.

A climb from Holyrood Palace takes around 45 minutes, leading past dramatic Salisbury Crags and the ruins of St Anthony's Chapel. The park itself is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, home to diverse geology and wildlife around Duddingston Loch. More than just a hike, Arthur's Seat is a journey through natural and ancient history — a must for experiencing Edinburgh's wilder side without leaving the city.

Photo: Sergii Figurnyi/shutterstock

Address: Holyrood Park, Edinburgh

Dominion Cinema



For a cinematic experience that breaks from the ordinary, the Dominion Cinema offers a touch of Art Deco elegance and a dash of modern comfort. Designed by architect Thomas Bowhill Gibson and opened in 1938, this Category B listed building features several

screens furnished with cosy sofas instead of standard seats. It's an ideal setting for a film, whether you're settling in for a classic or a romantic feature. The historic ambiance and unique seating make a visit here an event in itself.

Photo: Fer Gregory/shutterstock

Address: 18 Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 447 4771

Internet: www.dominioncinema.co.uk

Royal Yacht Britannia



Step aboard the extraordinary Royal Yacht Britannia, a fantastic floating museum located in the historic port of Leith in Edinburgh.

Embark on a fascinating journey that offers a glimpse into the life of the British royal family, exploring the luxurious interiors and elegant decks of this former royal yacht. After immersing yourself in regal history, treat yourself to a delightful tea experience at the Royal Deck Tea Room, where you can indulge in delicious treats and savour the moment. Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia guarantees a truly royal experience, allowing you to delve into the legacy of this iconic vessel that served the British monarchy from 1954 until 1997.

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Address: Ocean Drive, Leith, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +44 131 555 5566

Internet: www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk

Email: enquiries@tryb.co.uk

Edinburgh Fringe Festival



The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the world's largest arts festival, transforming the Scottish capital each August into a global stage. For three weeks, the city surrenders to a creative explosion where every conceivable space becomes an art venue: from grand theatres and pubs to parks and shipping containers. The programme is vast and open-access, spanning comedy, theatre, circus, cabaret, and music, featuring everyone from emerging artists to household names.

The historic Royal Mile is the festival's heart, busy with street performers and companies offering free previews. While hundreds of shows are ticketed, the street events provide a constant, free spectacle. It is an overwhelming, uncurated and utterly unique celebration of live performance.

Photo: Loch Earn/shutterstock

Internet: www.edfringe.com

DINING



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From traditional pubs serving hearty Scottish fare to elegant Michelin-starred restaurants pushing culinary boundaries, Edinburgh's dining

scene promises to satisfy even the most discerning food lovers. The city is renowned for its fresh seafood, showcasing the finest catches from Scotland's shores. However, Edinburgh also embraces international cuisines, with a plethora of options including Italian, Indian, Thai, and more.

Contini George Street



Set in one of Edinburgh's most stunning rooms — a grand, columned Georgian hall — Contini is a family-run restaurant that offers an authentic

modern Italian dining experience. With a commitment to quality, the restaurant sources its produce directly from the markets in Italy, ensuring the freshest ingredients for its ever-evolving monthly menus. Indulge in the delightful taste of homemade pasta and mouthwatering Puglian focaccia, made fresh each morning. Make sure to save room for some tiramisu!

Photo: Food magic/shutterstock

Address: 103 George Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–11pm, Sat 10am–11:30pm, Sun 10am–10pm

Phone: +44 330 164 9385

Internet: www.contini.com

Cafe Royal



Cafe Royal is a stunningly preserved Victorian bar and restaurant that has operated since 1863.

Stepping inside is like entering a museum of 19th-century grandeur, famed for its series of large, Royal Doulton tile portraits depicting famous inventors like James Watt and Benjamin

Franklin. The atmosphere is one of timeless elegance, from the gilded ceilings and chandeliers to stained-glass windows illustrating Scottish sports.

As Scotland's oldest oyster bar, its menu is a celebration of classic Scottish fare, featuring fresh seafood platters, haggis, and an extensive selection of cask ales and malt whiskies.

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Address: 19 West Register Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 556 1884

Internet: www.caferoyaledinburgh.com

Number One



Experience the epitome of sophisticated Scottish fine dining at Number One, located within the enchanting luxury of the Balmoral Hotel. Widely

recognised as one of Scotland's finest restaurants, Number One showcases the culinary prowess of its chefs, who skilfully combine classic flavours with a modern flair to create seasonal Scottish dishes that captivate the senses.

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Address: The Balmoral, 1 Princes Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Thu–Mon 6pm–9:30pm, Tue & Wed closed

Phone: +44 131 557 6727

Internet: www.roccofortehotels.com/hotels-and-resorts/the-balmoral-hotel/dining/number-one

Mussel Inn



Located right in the heart of the city, the Mussel Inn is a beloved destination for both locals and visitors seeking a lively and informal bistro

experience. From indulgent seafood chowder and succulent king prawns to kilo pots of mussels, scallops, oysters, shellfish pasta, and sea bass, the Mussel Inn is a treasure trove of classic seafood dishes that will delight your taste buds.

Photo: karelnoppe/shutterstock

Address: 61-65 Rose Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-2:30pm / 5pm-9:30pm; Sat & Sun noon-9:30pm

Phone: +44 131 225 5979

Internet: www.mussel-inn.com/seafood-restaurant-edinburgh

Kanpai Sushi



Kanpai offers an authentic taste of Japan, from delicate sushi to crisp tempura. The experience is tailored to your preference: watch the chefs at work from the kitchen counter, join the buzz of the main dining room, or secure a private space for your party. True to its name — 'Kanpai' is the Japanese equivalent of 'cheers' — the atmosphere is consistently warm and convivial.

Photo: Torjrtrx/shutterstock

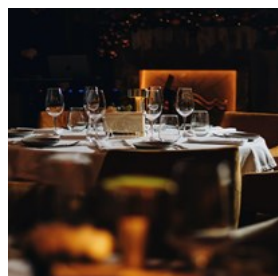
Address: 8-10 Grindlay Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Tue-Sat noon-2:15pm / 5pm-10:30pm; Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +44 131 228 1602

Internet: www.kanpaisushiedinburgh.co.uk

The Witchery



The Witchery is an iconic Edinburgh restaurant occupying a collection of historic 16th-century buildings near the castle gates. For over fifty years, it has been celebrated for its Scottish cuisine and theatrical, gothic-inspired setting.

Diners can choose between the oak-panelled Original Dining Room and the candlelit Secret Garden room. With its impeccable service and celebrated wine list, a meal here is a lavish, immersive experience, consistently ranked as one of the city's most memorable.

Photo: Kkirill Guzhvinsky/shutterstock

Address: 352 Castlehill, Edinburgh

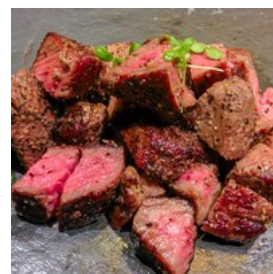
Opening hours: Daily noon-10:30pm

Internet: www.thewitchery.com

Email: info@thewitchery.com

More Info: Formerly The Witchery by the Castle.

Wildfire



Discover the essence of Scottish gastronomy at Wildfire, a small family-owned steak and seafood bistro. With a focus on locally sourced ingredients, including carefully selected Aberdeen Angus beef and fresh Scottish seafood, Wildfire invites you to savour the flavours of the land and sea. Set in an intimate ambiance with wood and bare stone decor, this restaurant provides the perfect setting to enjoy simply prepared yet incredibly flavorful dishes that celebrate the best of Scotland's culinary traditions.

Photo: Atosan/shutterstock

Address: 192 Rose Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 225 3636

Internet: www.wildfirerestaurant.co.uk

Email: enquiries@wildfirerestaurant.co.uk

Locanda De Gusti



Locanda de Gusti embraces the essence of Naples-inspired cuisine, offering a delightful array of fresh artisan Southern Italian dishes. From exquisite seafood to handmade pasta, their menu showcases the best ingredients sourced from both Italy and Scotland. Locanda De Gusti's commitment to quality is unwavering, as everything is meticulously prepared from scratch each day, ensuring an unforgettable dining experience.

Photo: Melica/shutterstock

Address: 102 Dalry Road, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 5:30pm-10pm; Thu & Fri 12:30pm-3:30pm / 5:30pm-10pm; Sat 12:30pm-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 131 346 8800

Internet: www.locandadegusti.com

Email: locandadegusti@gmail.com

Restaurant Martin Wishart



Treat yourself to some fine French cuisine at Martin Wishart, an elegant Michelin-starred restaurant that overlooks the beautiful waters of

the Leith. Indulge in an exquisite culinary experience, which combines the best seasonal Scottish produce with classical French techniques, resulting in truly inventive and delectable dishes.

Photo: Carlos Rondon/shutterstock

Address: 54 Shore, Leith, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-1:30pm / 6:30pm-10pm; Sun-Tue closed

Phone: +44 131 553 3557

Internet: www.restaurantmartinwishart.co.uk

Email: info@martin-wishart.co.uk

Britannia Spice



Britannia Spice offers an award-winning culinary journey through Indian, Bangladeshi, Nepali and Thai flavours. Housed in a former whisky bond on

Leith's docks, its nautical-themed interior, complete with ship's wheels and smartly uniformed staff, pays homage to the nearby Royal Yacht Britannia. The modern setting, paired with its picturesque waterside location, creates a memorable backdrop for a diverse and flavourful meal.

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Address: 150 Commercial Street, Leith, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 4pm-10:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 131 555 2255

Internet: www.thebritanniaspice.co.uk

Email: info@thebritanniaspice.co.uk

CAFÉS



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Slip into best-selling author JK Rowling's shoes and let your imagination flow as she did while sipping on a good cup of coffee in one of Edinburgh's charming coffee shops. Whether you want to try your coffee with scotch (you have a good excuse: it is local!) or just enjoy a piece of pie, Edinburgh has it all. The wonderful array of cafés that are scattered around the city are the perfect spots where to relax your feet or escape

from the rain.

Origin Coffee



Origin Coffee, a roaster and cafe chain with immaculate pedigree, took over the ground floor on South College Street in 2024. It's a hip

and innovative coffee house that takes pride in its meticulous brewing techniques and offers an extensive selection of single-origin filter, espresso and cold brew coffees. Indulge in the perfect pairing of your coffee with a delectable array of artisanal food options, ranging from scrumptious pastries to light lunch choices.

Photo: Annie Spratt/unsplash

Address: 6-8 South College Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +44 20 7928 3057

Internet:

www.origincoffee.co.uk/pages/origin-coffee-edinburgh

More Info: The space previously hosted the much beloved Union Brew Lab.

Union of Genius



On a chilly day in Edinburgh, you might find yourself longing for a hot beverage but also feeling hungry: Union of Genius is the answer to

all your prayers. In this charming little place, you can eat some of the best soups in existence, accompanied by local artisan bread, cakes, salads and tea or coffee coming from neighbouring shops.

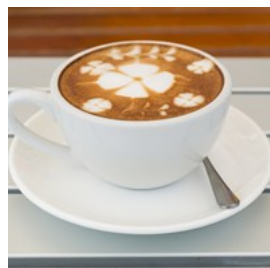
Photo: Jane Rix/shutterstock

Address: 8 Forrest Road, Edinburgh

Internet: www.instagram.com/unionofgenius

Email: unionofgenius@gmail.com

Dovecot Studios Cafe



Dovecot Studios is an art gallery that hosts textile exhibitions, workshops and art events. It is also home to a modern and bright café, which serves

freshly prepared sandwiches, soups and salads, as well as other delicious treats, including crispy pastries. Try the Artisan Roast espresso!

Photo: Polymanu/Pixabay

Address: 10 Infirmery Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 550 3660

Internet: www.dovecotstudios.com/visit/dovecot-cafe

Lovecrumbs



Step into the whimsical world of Lovecrumbs, a delightfully quirky café that never fails to surprise. The tableware here is mismatched,

there's lots of plants, and there's even a piano waiting to be played. Indulge your sweet tooth with an enticing selection of handmade cakes, artfully arranged on a wooden dresser. Pair your treat with a cup of expertly crafted artisanal coffee.

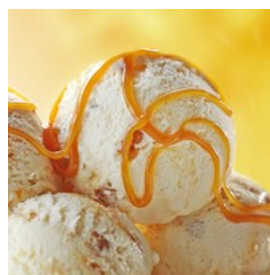
Photo: Randall Vermillion/shutterstock

Address: 155 West Port, Edinburgh

Internet: www.lovecrumbs.co.uk

Email: shop@lovecrumbs.co.uk

Mary's Milk Bar



In Edinburgh, there's a place for the sweet-tooth and the history lover, the gelato addict and the photographer: this place is Mary's Milk Bar.

Instagram-worthy ice creams, intense hot chocolates, sweet treats, and a breathtaking view over Edinburgh Castle: what more could one possibly want?

Photo: MaraZe/shutterstock
Address: 19 Grassmarket, Edinburgh
Internet: www.marysmilkbar.com
Email: hello@marysmilkbar.com

Lannan Bakery



Lannan Bakery in Stockbridge opened in summer 2023 and quickly became a hit on TikTok. Led by self-taught Darcie Maher, the bakery is famous for its pastries, often causing long queues. Highlights include cardamom buns and pain suisse. With a charming interior featuring timber and brass accents, it's easy to see how Lannan became a hit on social media. Visit early to avoid the wait!

Photo: 현국 신/pixabay
Address: 29-35 Hamilton Place, Stockbridge, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-4pm, Mon closed
Internet: www.lannanbakery.com
More Info: The name of the bakery is derived from the Scottish Gaelic for 'house'.

MatchaMind



Portobello's MatchaMind, Scotland's first matcha-inspired bar, offers a variety of matcha-based drinks. Founded by Zoe, who transformed her health with this Japanese green tea drink, it offers unique drinks like matcha spritzers, iced blends, and superfood lattes. Enjoy delicious snacks like granola yogurt pots and fresh sushi. The inviting space promises

great service and a modern atmosphere.

Photo: Olena Bohovyk/unsplash
Address: 19 Brighton Place, Portobello, Edinburgh
Phone: Thu-Sun 10am-4pm, Mon-Wed closed
Internet: www.matchamind.co.uk

The Milkman



The Milkman, an independent coffee shop with two locations on Cockburn Street, serves high-quality, ethically sourced coffee and pastries. Located in a restored brick-walled candy shop, it offers unique products from local makers and is especially popular for its delicious croissants and vegan treats.

Photo: Kami Chu/unsplash
Address: 7 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 9am-5pm
Phone: +44 7772 077920
Internet: www.themilkman.coffee

Cult Coffee Roasters



Cult Coffee Roasters offers top-notch coffee and brunch fare in a modern space. Known for its inclusive vibe, the café sources seasonal, high-quality beans, masterfully roasted at their Turnhouse Court facility. Enjoy local baked goods and expertly brewed coffee in a cosy, welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/unsplash
Address: 104 Buccleuch Street, Newington, Edinburgh
Internet: www.cultcoffeeroasters.com

Southern Cross Cafe



Southern Cross Cafe on Cockburn Street offers excellent espresso drinks, homemade cakes and light meals made with fresh Scottish produce.

Highlights include the orange chocolate cake and hearty Scottish breakfast. This cosy spot in the Old Town is perfect for a relaxing snack or tea time.

Photo: Adam Wilson/unsplash

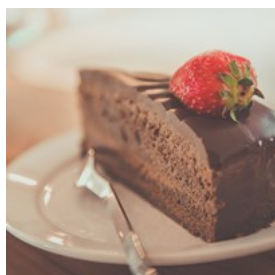
Address: Edinburgh Backpackers Hostel, 63A Cockburn Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +44 131 622 0622

Internet: www.instagram.com/scrosscafe

Mimi's Bakehouse



Mimi's Bakehouse is a friendly, family-run bakery & restaurant serving all-day brunch, award-winning afternoon tea, and a tempting

selection of cakes in a charming setting with a touch of 1940s glamour.

Photo: Pexels/Pixabay

Address: 63 Shore, Leith, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 287 5263

Internet: www.mimisbakehouse.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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From traditional pubs offering real ales and leafy beer gardens to upmarket cocktail bars, Edinburgh's bars and pubs are second to none. This thriving, modern capital city is as renowned for its nightlife as its history, so whether you're looking for top comedy, a traditional ceilidh — a Gaelic gathering with folk music and dancing — or an unforgettable club night, you are sure to find it here. Join the student crowd in Cowgate, drink whisky in upper-market George Street, or head to the more raffish Lothian road: the choice is yours!

The Bongo Club



The Bongo Club, Edinburgh's longest running underground nightclub and music venue, is a thriving artistic hub that pulsates with energy. As a versatile space, it caters to a range of artistic expressions, serving as a nightclub, gig venue, and events space all in one. The venue boasts residencies from Scotland's most notorious club nights, drawing in a diverse crowd of music enthusiasts and partygoers. Be sure to check their website to see upcoming gigs.

Photo: Ground Picture/shutterstock

Address: 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11pm-3am, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +44 131 558 8844
Internet: www.thebongoclub.co.uk
Email: info@thebongoclub.co.uk

Bennets Bar

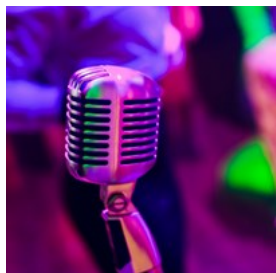


A steadfast relic of old Edinburgh, Bennets Bar has been a fixture since 1839, retaining the opulent interior from its 1906 refit. It's the real deal, with stained-glass windows, ornate tiling, and a gleaming wooden bar complete with a brass water tap for diluting whisky. Its most charming feature is the original "snug" — a small, sequestered room with its own service hatch, historically reserved for women and those wishing to drink discreetly.

While the atmosphere is the main draw, the pub offers a solid Scottish menu and an impressive selection of over 150 malt whiskies. Located next to the King's Theatre, it's a favourite for a pre-show pint but remains a genuine local haunt, offering a rare, unpretentious glimpse into the city's social history.

Photo: Gianluca Piccin/shutterstock
Address: 8 Leven Street, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 229 5143
Internet: www.instagram.com/bennetsbar

The Stand Comedy Club



If you're a fan of stand-up comedy, this laid-back basement venue is an absolute must-visit. It's considered the top spot in town for catching hilarious performances by local, national, and international comedians. With its doors open

seven days a week, you can always count on a fun-filled evening of laughter.

Photo: Vershinin89/shutterstock
Address: 5 York Place, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 558 7272
Internet: www.thestand.co.uk/whats-on/edinburgh
Email: admin@thestand.co.uk

The Voodoo Rooms



The Voodoo Rooms is an award-winning gastropub offering an extensive selection of craft beers, expertly crafted cocktails, and exquisite wines, perfectly complemented by an eclectic menu that caters to all tastes. From delectable tapas and sharing platters to burgers and vegan dishes. As you indulge in the culinary delights, soak in the vibrant atmosphere created by live music and DJs. All this unfolds within opulent Georgian surroundings, adding an extra touch of elegance and charm to your experience.

Photo: Africa Studio/shutterstock
Address: 19a West Register Street, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri 3pm-1am, Sat 1pm-1am, Sun 3pm-1am
Phone: +44 131 556 7060
Internet: www.thevoodoorooms.com
Email: info@thevoodoorooms.com

Tigerlily



An after-work on a Friday is a great way to feel like a true local, and this hip bar/restaurant is the spot to make sure you're part of the crowd. The DJ has a special way to ease you into the weekend, and if you're feeling in a party mood, Tigerlily is a great first stop for a wild night out!

Photo: Nikola Spasenoski/shutterstock
Address: 125 George Street, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 225 5005
Internet: www.tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk
Email: info@tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk

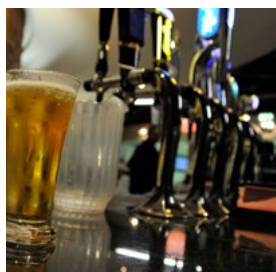
The Holyrood 9A



Craving a delicious burger and a cold beer? If so, Holyrood 9A is the place to go. Right in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, this cosy pub offers a menu full of tasty burgers and ales and craft beers from all around the world.

Photo: Alpha Studio 03/shutterstock
Address: 9a Holyrood Road, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-11pm, Wed & Thu 9am-midnight, Fri & Sat 9am-1am
Phone: +44 131 556 5044
Internet: www.theholyrood.co.uk

Frankenstein



Housed within a Gothic 19th-century church, Frankenstein is a unique themed pub featuring 3 bars over 3 levels, an eclectic menu, and a monster show. The bar's interior is meticulously designed to resemble Frankenstein's laboratory, complete with a body on a gurney awaiting the infusion of lightning. Adding to the ambience, the original film adaptation is screened, bringing Mary Shelley's literary masterpiece to life.

Photo: Sharkshock/shutterstock
Address: 26 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-midnight, Fri & Sat noon-1am
Phone: +44 131 622 1818
Internet: www.frankensteinedinburgh.co.uk

Roseleaf Bar



This playful, family-run bar is located in the beautiful historic Port O' Leith. They have everything from hearty dishes to cocktails in teapots and, of course, ice-cold pints served in a lovely bar where the vintage furniture creates a magical atmosphere.

Photo: I_vanovkina/shutterstock
Address: 23-24 Sandport Place, Leith, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-11pm, Fri & Sat 10am-midnight
Phone: +44 131 476 5268
Internet: www.roseleaf.co.uk
Email: info@roseleaf.co.uk

Dragonfly



If cocktails are your cup of tea, then you must visit the Dragonfly. This elegant 20s-style cocktail bar and lounge is a paradise for those who appreciate the art of mixology. With an extensive cocktail menu that showcases a wide range of spirits expertly combined with fresh juices and fruit-infused alcohol, every sip is a delightful journey for the taste buds. The Dragonfly also hosts weekend DJ sessions, infusing the atmosphere with vibrant energy.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii/shutterstock
Address: 52 West Port, Old Town, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 228 4543
Internet: www.dragonflycocktailbar.com
Email: info@dragonflycocktailbar.com

Bailie Bar



A beloved local institution, Bailie Bar is a traditional basement pub known for its authentic atmosphere and commitment to Scottish brewers, with a focus on cask ale. The classic pub menu features well-executed staples like fish and chips, burgers and haggis, all served by exceptionally friendly staff. Its popularity with locals adds to the genuine, welcoming vibe. Alongside a solid whisky selection, the pub is a lively venue for watching sports and hosts regular live folk sessions, making it a dependable and characterful spot for a pint and a meal.

Photo: George Rudy/shutterstock

Address: 2-4 Saint Stephen Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 11am-midnight

Phone: +44 131 225 4673

Internet: www.thebailiebar.com

Indigo Yard



A fixture in Edinburgh's West End since 1996, Indigo Yard is a rustic bar and restaurant that thrives as a social hub. Its appeal is versatile: by day, it serves breakfast and lunches; later, the focus shifts to craft beers, creative cocktails and a menu of Scottish classics like gourmet burgers and their famously massive 'Indigo Munro' nachos. The week builds to a buzz with a competitive Wednesday pub quiz and live music on weekends. With its dark wood interior and reliable, crowd-pleasing formula, it's a go-to for everything from a casual meal to a night out.

Photo: CL-Medien/shutterstock

Address: 7 Charlotte Lane, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am

Phone: +44 131 220 5603

Internet: www.indigoyardedinburgh.co.uk

Email: info@indigoyardedinburgh.co.uk

Ghillie Dhu



For a truly Scottish experience, treat yourself to dinner and a pint before enjoying a lively ceilidh (a Gaelic gathering with folk music and dancing) at this traditional yet strikingly modern Scottish pub and live entertainment venue. Look out for the surprising architecture, live music many nights of the week, and the special events on weekends in the auditorium.

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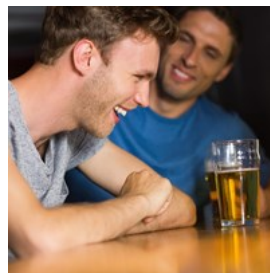
Address: 2 Rutland Place, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 222 9930

Internet: www.ghillie-dhu.co.uk

Email: info@ghillie-dhu.co.uk

The Jolly Judge



The Jolly Judge is a traditional pub in the heart of Edinburgh, offering a wide range of malt whiskies, real ales, and tempting pub food in a warm and relaxed atmosphere, with low beamed ceilings and log fire.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/shutterstock

Address: 7 James Court, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 225 2831

Internet: www.jollyjudge.co.uk

Email: judge@jollyjudge.co.uk

Sheep Heid Inn



Located just outside Edinburgh, at the foot of Arthur's Seat, this traditional pub is Scotland's oldest surviving public house, established in 1360. Sit by the fire in winter or make yourself comfortable in the hidden courtyard during the warmer summer months.

Photo: Vaclav Mach/shutterstock

Address: 43-45 The Causeway, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +44 131 661 7974

Internet: www.thesheepheidedinburgh.co.uk

Email: enquiry@thesheepheidedinburgh.co.uk

The Scotch Whisky Experience



Uncover the secrets of Scotland's national drink at the Scotch Whisky Experience. Take a unique tour through a replica distillery in their Whisky Barrel Ride before learning more about the whisky regions of Scotland and enjoying a few drams as you marvel at the world's largest collection of Scotch whisky.

Photo: barmalini/shutterstock

Address: 354 Castlehill, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6:20pm

Phone: +44 131 220 0441

Internet: www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

Email: info@scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

SHOPPING



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Edinburgh is the perfect place to indulge in some serious retail therapy and pick up memorable gifts for family and friends — and as the city is so compact, you can easily explore on foot and in the meantime enjoy spectacular surroundings.

Charming boutiques dot the picturesque Royal Mile, classy George Street is the place to go for designer labels, while high-end brands can be found on the prestigious Multrees Walk.

Explore the hidden gems of the Old Town's narrow 'closes', where you can find unique artisanal crafts, antiques, and local treasures. And don't miss out on the vibrant markets and independent shops that showcase Scotland's rich heritage and contemporary designs — it is granted that you will not leave Edinburgh empty-handed.

Traditional Scottish Souvenirs



If you're looking for traditional Scottish artefacts and souvenirs, head to the cobbled streets of the Old Town — the Royal Mile is packed with shops selling Scottish specialities such as luxuriously soft cashmere, the unavoidable kilts, bagpipes, and whisky.

Photo: JeniFoto/shutterstock
Address: Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Heritage of Scotland



If you want to take a piece of Scotland home with you, then do not miss a visit to Heritage of Scotland, the ultimate store for all things

Scottish. They have kilts, bagpipes, rugby shirts, Celtic and Scottish jewellery, suits of armour, and so much more.

Photo: Patricia Barker/shutterstock
Address: 459-461 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 281 6958
Internet: www.heritageofscotland.com
Email: contact@heritageofscotland.com

The Marshmallow Lady



Claiming to be 'the first gourmet marshmallow shop', The Marshmallow Lady is a unique establishment selling these fluffy homemade

treats crafted with love, using locally sourced ingredients. For the daring foodie, there's the adventurous beer-flavoured marshmallow. If that doesn't tempt you, perhaps the enticing chocolate mousse flavour sounds more appealing. With a wide variety of flavours available, The Marshmallow Lady ensures there's something to please every palate.

Photo: Mikhaylovskiy/shutterstock
Address: 14 Rodney Street, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 629 7672
Internet: www.themarshmallowlady.com
Email: hello@themarshmallowlady.com

Closes



In Edinburgh's Old Town, the historic Royal Mile serves as the central axis connecting the magnificent Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. Branching off this iconic thoroughfare is a labyrinth of narrow alleys known as 'closes'. These charming alleys offer more than just picturesque backyards — they house hidden treasures such as cheese shops, jewellers, and kilt designers. Amidst your exploration, be sure to indulge in the quintessential Scottish treat of shortbread, available throughout the area.

Photo: Christian Mueller/shutterstock

Victoria Street



Just off the Royal Mile, lies Victoria Street, where brightly coloured shops line up to sell all sorts of products to the city's visitors. Here, you can discover a plethora of offerings, ranging from artisanal cheese and cutting-edge fashion to authentic Scottish design products. Should hunger strike, you'll find yourself spoilt for choice with the abundance of restaurants and pubs nestled within this lively area.

Photo: Justin Black/shutterstock
Address: Victoria Street, Edinburgh

Waverley Market



Located right next to Waverley Station, Waverley Market is a shopping destination for both shopping fans and food lovers. It features

authentic Scottish and popular high-street brands along with a wide range of small food venues and coffee shops.

Photo: Pressmaster/shutterstock

Address: 3/48 Waverley Bridge, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +44 131 557 3759

Internet: www.waverleymarketedin.com

Email: info@waverleymarketedin.com

Edinburgh Farmers' Market



Every Saturday behind the castle, the bustling Edinburgh Farmers' Market takes place selling and serving an array of local delights, including meats, cheeses, baked goods, and craft beer, plus a diverse range of products such as candles, knitwear, and more.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/shutterstock

Address: Castle Terrace, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sat 9am-2pm

Internet: www.edinburghfarmersmarket.co.uk

Cadenhead Whisky



Discover the legendary Cadenhead Whisky, hailed as Scotland's oldest independent bottler. Prepare to be amazed by their extensive collection of whiskies, rums, and gins sourced from every corner of the world. The staff is very knowledgeable and will give you a great insight into all the different options and guide you through your choice.

Photo: singh_lens/shutterstock

Address: 172 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-5:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 131 556 5864

Internet: www.cadenhead.scot

Email: info@cadenhead.scot

Grassmarket



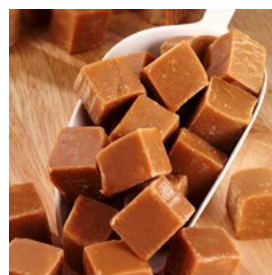
Nestled in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, lies the enchanting Grassmarket — a place so picturesque it could be plucked from the pages of a fantasy novel. Here, amidst its original and quaint shops, artists and artisans showcase their wares. The area itself is very lively, making it a great place to stroll around and do some shopping.

Photo: Chrisdorney/shutterstock

Address: Old Town, Edinburgh

Internet: www.edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/grassmarket

Fudge Kitchen



Indulge in a fudge lover's paradise, where delectable treats await at every turn! While salted caramel and peanut butter reign as crowd favourites, the assortment of handmade fudges goes far beyond these classics. If you're not sure that these are your cup of tea, you can first try a small piece before committing. And the icing on the cake? You can even make your own fudge!

Photo: CKP1001/shutterstock

Address: 30 High Street, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5:30pm

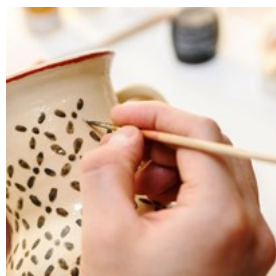
Phone: +44 131 558 1517

Internet:

www.fudgekitchen.co.uk/pages/edinburgh-fudge-kitchen

Email: edinburgh@fudgekitchen.co.uk

Doodles



Discover the joy of creativity at Edinburgh's longest-established 'paint your own' pottery workshop. Immerse yourself in a world of possibilities as you choose from a delightful range of white, unglazed pottery items, including mugs, plates, and bowls. With over 80 under-glaze colours at your disposal, you can let your imagination run wild and paint, splash, splatter, doodle, and brush your unique design. Leave your masterpiece in their capable hands, and in just a couple of days, your item will be transformed with a clear glaze and fired to perfection, ready for you to cherish.

Photo: Nadezhda Kulikova/shutterstock

Address: 27-29 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 229 1399

Internet: www.doodlesscotland.co.uk

Email: doodlesceramics@gmail.com

Sheila Fleet



Just a short stroll away from the vibrant Princes Street, you'll discover a boutique gallery showcasing the exquisite creations of Sheila Fleet,

renowned as one of Scotland's top designer-makers of gold, silver, and platinum jewellery. With a deep-rooted inspiration drawn from the sea, sky, and Scottish landscapes, Sheila's jewellery effortlessly captures the beauty of nature. From necklaces to rings and earrings, her designs are sure to captivate your heart.

Photo: TorriPhoto/shutterstock

Address: 4 Hanover Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +44 131 225 5939

Internet: www.sheilafleet.com/pages/edinburgh-gallery

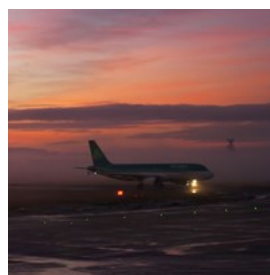
Email: info@sheilafleet.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Edinburgh Airport (EDI)



Edinburgh Airport (EDI) is located 11 kilometres west of the city, and connections to the city centre usually take between 25-30 minutes

regardless of whether you go by bus, taxi or private car.

The Airlink 100, and Service 17 and 18 bus lines provide fantastic connections across the city of Edinburgh. Tickets can be bought in advance online, at the bus stop, or from the driver.

You'll find the airport tram stop is right outside the main terminal, next to the plaza and Edinburgh sign. Services are scheduled to run between the airport and Newhaven. An end-to-end journey between the airport and Newhaven takes about an hour, while journeys between the airport and the city centre take 30 minutes.

Taxis are located on the first floor of the multi-storey car park opposite the main terminal building.

Photo: Dennis van de Water/shutterstock
Address: Edinburgh Airport, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 357 6337
Internet: www.edinburghairport.com

Best Time to Visit



The best time to explore Edinburgh is in late spring or summer, when the air is pleasantly warm and you can take full advantage of the long

evenings. It's important to note that Edinburgh's weather can be unpredictable, with rain showers occurring throughout the year. Therefore, it's advisable to pack layers and be prepared for changing weather conditions regardless of the season.

Photo: Stuart Hay/unsplash

Passport & Visa



For travel to the UK, citizens of the EU, EEA, and Switzerland (except Irish citizens) need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

However, those planning to work or study in the UK for more than six months will need to obtain the appropriate visa. Additionally, residents of nine other countries — including Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, and the United States — can also visit the UK for up to six months without a visa, but they will still need an ETA. To ensure a smooth journey, it is advisable to consult the UK government website for any

specific visa requirements or regulations.

Photo: maramade/shutterstock
Internet: www.gov.uk/uk-border-control

Public Transport



Navigating Edinburgh is refreshingly straightforward. The city centre is compact and easily explored on foot.

For longer journeys, Lothian Buses provide extensive coverage within the city, while First Bus serves the wider outskirts. Tickets can be bought via their mobile apps, on board, or in local shops.

For visitors, a Lothian Buses day ticket is often the best value. If staying outside the centre, check which company serves your area first.

Edinburgh's single modern tram line is primarily useful for airport transfers (connecting York Place to the airport), with limited utility for central sightseeing.

Photo: Madrugada Verde/shutterstock
Internet: www.introducingedinburgh.com/transport

Taxi



Taxis in Edinburgh mirror the classic London-style black cabs. These distinctive vehicles can carry up to five passengers. An

illuminated yellow sign on the roof indicates when a cab is available for hire. While you can hail one on the street, it is often advisable to pre-book, especially during peak hours or for travel to the airport. Reliable local companies include Central Taxis (+44 131 229 2468), City

Cabs (+44 131 228 1211) and E&I Taxis (+44 131 554 6775).

Photo: Fesus Robert/shutterstock

Internet: www.introducingedinburgh.com/taxi

Post



Stamps are available from post offices and newsagents, and you'll find several post offices in the city centre, with the most central being the Tollcross Post Office, located on Home Street.

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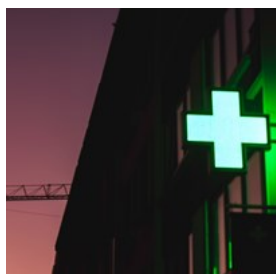
Address: Tollcross Post Office, 33 Home Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9:30am-2:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 131 229 1109

Internet: www.postoffice.co.uk

Pharmacy



There are several major pharmacy chains in Edinburgh that provide a wide range of pharmaceutical products and services. These include Boots, LloydsPharmacy, Superdrug Pharmacy, and Well Pharmacy.

Photo: Serkan Yildiz/unsplash

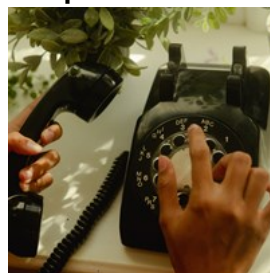
Address: Boots, 101-103 Princes Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 225 8331

Internet: www.boots.com

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: (0)131

Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

Electricity



The United Kingdom uses the Type G electric plug, which is one with three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. And it operates on a 230V

supply voltage and 50Hz.

Photo: Hamish Kale/unsplash

Population

564,000

Currency

Pound Sterling, £1 = 100 pence

Opening hours

Opening hours are usually Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm, and Sunday 11am-5pm

Internet

www.visitscotland.com/places-to-go/edinburgh

www.edinburgh.org

Newspapers

The Scotsman: www.scotsman.com

The Herald: www.heraldscotland.com

The Scottish Daily Record: www.dailyrecord.co.uk

Emergency numbers

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Abbeyhill	D2	George Square	C3	Moray Place	A2
Abercromby Place	B1	George Street	A2 B2	Morrison Street	A3
Albany Street	B1 C1	Gillespie Crescent	A4	Newington Road	D4
Annandale Street	C1	Gilmore Place	A4	Nicolson Street	C3
Arden Street	B4	Glenogle Road	A1	North Bridge	C2
Bernard Terrace	C4 D4	Grassmarket	B3	North Castle Street	A2
Blacket Place	D4	Great King Street	A1 B1	Northumberland Street	A1 B1
Blair Street	C2 C3	Green Street	C1	Panmure Place	A3 B3
Bread Street	A3	Greenside Road	C1 C2	Pleasance	C3
Bristo Place	B3 C3	Grindlay Street	A3	Potterrow	C3
Broughton Street	C1	Hamilton Place	A1	Princes Street	A2 B2
Brunswick Street	D1	Hanover Street	B2	Queen Street	A2 B2
Bruntsfield Place	A4	Hatton Place	B4 C4	Queens Drive	D2 D3
Buccleuch Place	C3 C4	Henderson Row	A1	Rankeillor Street	C4 D4
Calton Road	C2 D2	Heriot Row	A2 B2	Regent Road	C2 D2
Candlemaker Bow	B3	High Riggs	A3	Regent Terrace	D2
Canning Street	A3	High Street	C2	Rose Street	A2 B2
Canongate	C2 D2	Hill Street	A2	Royal Crescent	B1
Castle Street	A2	Hillside Crescent	D1	Royal Terrace	D1
Castle Terrace	A3	Holyrood Park Road	D4	Rutland Square	A2 A3
Castlehill	B3	Holyrood Road	D2 D3	Salisbury Road	C4 D4
Causewayside	C4	Home St	A3 A4	Sciennes Road	C4
Chalmers Street	B3 B4	Hopetoue Crescent	C1	Shandwick Place	A2
Chambers Street	B3 C3	Howe Street	A1	South Bridge	C2 C3
Charlotte Square	A2	India Street	A1 A2	South Clerk Street	C4 D4
Circus Place	A1	Johnston Terrace	A3 B3	South Elgin Street	D1
Clerk Street	C3 C4	King's Stable Road	A3 B3	Spottiswoode Street	B4
Cockburn Street	B2 C2	Lady Lawsons Street	A3 B3	St. Andrew Square	B2
Cowgate	C3	Lauderdale Street	B4	St. Leonads Street	C3 D4
Cumberland Street	A1 B1	Lauriston Gardens	B3 B4	St. Stephen Street	A1
Dalkeith Road	D4	Lauriston Place	A3 B3	Summerhall	C4
Drummond Place	B1	Lawnmarket	B2 B3	Tarvit Street	A4
Drummond Street	C3	Leamington Terrace	A4	Teviot Place	B3 C3
Dublin Street	B1	Leith Street	C2	The Mound	B2
Dumbiedykes Road	D2 D3	Leith Walk	C1	Thistle Street	B2
Dundas Street	A1 B1	Leven Street	A4	Union Street	C1
E Crosscauseway	C3	London Road	D1	Valleyfield Street	A4
Earl Grey St	A3	London Street	B1	Victoria Street	B3
East Fountainbridge	A3	Lonsdale Terr	A4 B4	Viewcraig Gardens	D3
East London Street	C1	Lothian Road	A3	Viewcraig Street	D2 D3
East Market Street	C2	Lothian Street	C3	Warrender Park Road	B4
East Preston Street	D4	Lutton Place	D4	Warrender Park Terrace	A4 B4
Easter Road	D1	Marchmont Cres	B4	Waterloo Place	C2
Elgin Terrace	D1	Marchmont Road	B4	Waverley Bridge	B2
Eyre Place	B1	Market Street	B2 C2	West Approach Road	A3
Forrest Road	B3	Mellville Drive	B4	West Port	A3 B3
Fountainbridge	A3	Mellville Terrace	C4	West Preston Street	C4 D4
Frederick Street	A2 B2	Montague Street	C4 D4	Whitehouse Loan	A4
George IV Bridge	B2 B3	Montgomery Street	D1	Windsor Street	C1

York Place

C1 Young Street

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