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Building a City
From fortifications to expanding Georgian splendour, see the capital city’s development first hand.

Arts & Performance
Centuries of festivals, music, artistry and story-telling celebrated through one of a kind artefacts.

Books, Words & Ideas
Delve into Edinburgh’s past as a publishing powerhouse and its pride in being home to some of the world’s finest writers.

City of Innovation
Edinburgh is a city of innovators and inventors – see how it has led and continues to drive the world in medicine, physics, geology, economics and more.

Everyday Living
From golf to whisky to gin and sedan chair taxis – get a feel of everyday life in Edinburgh throughout the centuries.

Faith & Nation
Edinburgh has been central to Scotland’s history and heritage for centuries. Visit objects that demonstrate the pride we have in who we are.

On the Dark Side
Learn more about what lurks in the shadows of Edinburgh’s dark past through the mementos of murderers, witch hunts, grave robbers and more…

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Buried amongst the curiosities are several mementoes of the anniversaries that Edinburgh is celebrating this year: it is 70 years since the city exploded with arts festivals and 250 years since Edinburgh decided to expand with a plan for a New Town bringing even more treasures.

Visit the bespoke website (Edinburgh.org/101) to see a snapshot of each object and its story. To assist rifling such a vast trove, it has been sorted into themes: Building a City; Arts & Performance; Books, Words & Ideas; City of Innovation; Everyday Living; Faith & Nation; On the Dark Side.
1 Heart of Midlothian, Old Tolbooth Near the west door of St Giles
2 Fiddleno Wall Greyfriars Kirkyard
3 The West Bow Visit Edinburgh Castle
4 The Netherbow Bell Scottish Storytelling Centre Bell Tower
5 View of Edinburgh, 1759 City Art Centre
6 The New Town Plan Museum of Edinburgh
7 Starred Doors of St Andrew Square Royal Bank of Scotland
8 St Bernard’s Well Upper Dean Terrace, Stockbridge
9 New Town maps, before and after the Assembly Rooms The Assembly Rooms
10 North side palace-front at Charlotte Square 6 Charlotte Square
11 Princes Street with the Commissariat of the Building of the Royal Institution Scottish National Gallery
12 8½ miles west of the Edinburgh - Glasgow line Haymarket Station
13 Sir Gasp Gravah Sabih Ji Guru Nanak Gurteer, Sheriff Brave
14 Sir Patrick Geddes bust Garden behind Scott's Book Trust, Royal Mile
15 Model of the North British Atlantic Waving Station The Scott Monument Steps
16 The Scott Monument The Scott Monument Steps
17 The Trinity Atrium Scottish National Gallery
18 Pastoral Pipes St Cofiea’s Hall
19 'The Skinning Minister/ Scottish national Gallery
20 Beadmore Harpichord St Cofiea’s Hall
21 Prevaenill Prizer Scottish National Portrait Gallery
22 The first Edinburgh International Festival programme The Hub, Castellhel
23 ‘The Tattoo Drummer The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Shop
24 Podomix Studio Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Modern Two
25 The 25th Edinburgh Festival Fringe Programme Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society shop
26 Bay Gay Rollers Fan Photo Little Shop of Memory, Ocean Terminal
27 EIFF Women’s Film Festival 2015 Catalogue Edinburgh Filmhouse
28 Fringe Schools Poster Competition Edinburgh Fringe Society shop
29 Transposing Screener National Museum of Scotland
30 Landmark Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Modern One
31 Still by Alison Watt Old St Pauls Church
32 The Golden Boy University of Edinburgh, Old College
33 David Hume’s Lucky Toe Lauriston, The Royal Mile
34 The Burns Monument 9 Regent Road
35 The Scott Monument East Princes Street Gardens
36 Sherlock Holmes Statue 19 Howard Place
37 The Scottish printing press, working model National Museum of Scotland
38 The Old Hannins and other poems by Sanglard & Sweetman Edinburgh Napier University, Craigshawdair Campus
39 Blackwoods Magazine National Library of Scotland
40 Head of Hannah Handsone Sandy Bell’s, 25 Forest Road
41 The Book Sculpture The Scottish Poetry Library
42 Benecleuch 149 Rose Street
43 Napier’s Bureau Edinburgh Napier University, Merchiston Campus
44 Adam Smith’s Grave Canongate Kirkyard
45 Hunter’s Section, Arthur’s Seat Salisbury Crags, Holyrood Park
46 The Salisbury Pools Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
47 Lighthouse Model Northern lighthouse Board, 84 George St.
48 Statue of Prof James Clerk Maxwell East end of George St.
49 Durnsfield Hermitage gravem Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, John Hope Gateway
50 The Forth Tree Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
51 Chloriform Inhaler National Museum of Scotland
52 The Edinburgh Time Ball Nelson Monument, Calton Hill
53 Forth Bridge Paint Stweat National Museum of Scotland
54 Compass Binnacle, The Royal Yacht Britannia Ocean Terminal
55 Dolly the Sheep National Museum of Scotland
56 The Burns Plint Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
57 Bejaguler for Nil Olay 1952, Edinburgh Zoo
58 The Donaldson Chair The Magdalen Chapel
59 Jordan Chair Museum of Edinburgh
60 Tea Table The Georgian House
61 Open Fire Range The Georgian House
62 Uncle’s Green Strips whisky The Scotch Whisky Experience
63 Robert Louis Stevenson’s golf ball Museum of Edinburgh
64 The Skirll Alley The Sheep Head Inn, Duddingston
65 Babb Ssn, Lead Victoria Street Centre Junction Place
66 Almon’s Hall Café Royal Oyster Bar
67 Pickering’s Gin Tap The Royal Dick Bar
68 National Sites of St Andrew St Mary’s Metropolitan Cathedral, York Place
69 The Ten at Craigmillar Castle Craigmillar Castle
70 The Stone of Destiny Edinburgh Castle
71 Crown Jewels Edinburgh Castle
72 Meas Beg Edinburgh Castle
73 The Holyrood Ordnal Palace of Holyroodhouse
74 Stained Glass Roundels The Magdelen Chapel
75 The Penton Jewels National Museum of Scotland
76 The Glima Bible John Knox House
77 The National Covenant St Giles Cathedral
78 Dunlay Bos Palace of Holyroodhouse
79 Bank of Scotland Kist Museum on the Mound
80 Royal Company of Archers’ Uniform National Museum of Scotland
81 The National Monument of Scotland Calton Hill
82 The Entry of George IV into Edinburgh City Art Centre
83 George IV’s Highland Dirk Palace of Holyroodhouse
84 Kings Own Scottish Borders Memorial North Bridge
85 Ceiling of The Thistle Chapel St Giles Cathedral
86 Wejyzhe the Bear Princes Street Gardens
87 Parliament Cains Calton Hill
88 Tim Tam’s post print RCS, Edinburgh Zoo
89 The Mace The Scottish Parliament
90 The Medicine National Museum of Scotland
91 The Witches Well Edinburgh Castle Esplanade
92 Tomb of John Byne of Pitcarlie Greyfriars Kirkyard
93 Bloodman of Ritzio Palace of Holyroodhouse
94 Door from Prisons of War Edinburgh Castle, Castellhel
95 Emaon Brasie Colomnes The Writers’ Museum
96 The Yard Edinburgh World Heritage, Blackfriars Close
97 The Waterhouse, New Calton Burial Ground 10 Regent Road
98 Pockeshook made from the skin of William Burke Surgeons’ Hall Museums
99 Arthur’s Seat Collins National Museum of Scotland
100 Oxford Bar Signs The Oxford Bar, 8 Young Street
101 Visit edinburgh.org/101 for more info

Please note: this map gives indicative locations of objects and should not be used as an accurate navigation device.