Edinburgh’s beauty is both staggering and stunning - but the city is far more than just a pretty face. Take a closer look and there’s much more to discover.

This pack, covering September to December 2019, introduces our city and its time-honoured attractions, hotels, retail offering and food & drink. Find the newest openings, what’s around the corner including key events, festival dates and more.

This pack also contains information about the latest city marketing campaigns, where to find imagery and video content of Edinburgh as well as where to find each of the city’s official web and social media channels.

This is Edinburgh, read more to find out why there’s nowhere in the world quite like Scotland’s capital.
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Fast Facts

- Edinburgh city is home to a population of over 500,000, and 1.36 million in the wider region

- Over 4.5 million people visit Edinburgh every year, generating more than £1.45 billion for the local economy

- A city of foodies, Edinburgh is home to four Michelin Star restaurants and a further three awarded the Bib Gourmand

- Edinburgh became the first city to receive UNESCO City of Literature status in 2004

- Edinburgh is full of wide open spaces, and is the UK’s greenest city, with 112 parks, as well as more trees per head of population than any other city in the UK

- Edinburgh’s residents are the happiest of the largest 10 cities in the UK - 97% are satisfied with Edinburgh as a place to live

- Edinburgh Airport is Scotland’s busiest airport with more than 30 airlines serving 120+ worldwide destinations

- Edinburgh is home to three UNESCO World Heritage sites. Joining Edinburgh’s famous Old and New Towns, The Forth Rail Bridge was awarded World Heritage status in July 2015, 125 years after it opened

- 75% of buildings in Edinburgh city centre are listed. The UK’s highest concentration of listed buildings anywhere

- Edinburgh’s Royal Mile is actually a Scots Mile - one mile and 107 yards long

- Edinburgh is home to five of Scotland’s 10 most visited free attractions and five of the top 10 paid-for attractions

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who was born in Edinburgh, is said to have based his famous fictional detective Sherlock Holmes on Professor Joseph Bell, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

- Over 4,000 productions have been filmed in the Edinburgh region over the last 25 years, including the likes of Avengers: Infinity War, Trainspotting and its sequel T2 Trainspotting, The Da Vinci Code, One Day and Cloud Atlas

- Home to four universities, Edinburgh has a student population of over 80,000. Over 55% of working age residents are university graduates

- There are more than 20,000 beds in Edinburgh and the surrounding area, with over 50% within a 2km radius of the city centre

- More than 70km of specially created traffic-free cycle paths criss-cross the city

- The Sheep Heid Inn at the foot of Arthur’s Seat in Duddingston is Edinburgh’s oldest pub, serving real ale for over 600 years

- Edinburgh’s official social media channels (Instagram, Twitter and Facebook) have over 445,000 followers combined, with 40,000 unique visitors monthly to edinburgh.org.
10 things you probably didn’t know about Edinburgh:

1. Sunshine on Leith
Don't listen to clichés about Scottish weather. With less rainfall than Rome, Frankfurt or New York, your chances of enjoying a lovely, clear day in Scotland’s capital city are pretty good.

2. Half Hangit Maggie
Edinburgh even has ghost stories without ghosts! Maggie Dickson was executed for concealing the death of her child in 1724. But on the way to be buried she sat straight up in her casket and it was decided that being already officially dead, she couldn’t be hanged again. She went free and lived for another 30 years. A pub bearing her name can be found in the Grassmarket.

3. Spit on the Heart
Outside St. Giles Cathedral is the Heart of Midlothian which marks the spot of an old public execution site. Local folklore says that to spit on the heart brings good luck.

4. Crowded House
The wonder of Edinburgh’s festivals is well known. But did you realise that the city’s population more than doubles over the month of August to over 1 million?

5. Name that city
As well as ‘Athens of the North’, Edinburgh has earned itself a few other nicknames over the years. The most famous is ‘Auld Reekie’, which translated from Scots means ‘Old Smoky’, and is a reference to the dense chimney smoke caused by industrialisation and closely built houses. Now, the air is fresh and clear and an abundance of parks means Edinburgh is surprisingly lush.

6. Biscuit brainchilds
Dolly the Sheep, chequebooks, even the rules of golf – Edinburgh is a hotbed of invention. A lesser known – but no less loved – discovery that the city can also lay claim to is the humble digestive biscuit, created by bakers McVitie and Price in 1892.

7. Say cheese
A recent survey found Edinburgh Castle is Scotland’s most popular spot for a selfie. Ranked in the top 40 of worldwide selfie hot spots, Edinburgh Castle was just behind the likes of the Eiffel Tower, Sydney Opera House and the Empire State Building.

8. Write here
As the first UNESCO City of Literature, there’s many a story to tell, none better than the fact that JK Rowling both started and finished the Harry Potter series in Edinburgh. The final lines were penned in room 552 of the Balmoral Hotel in the city centre.

9. Site for sore eyes
When walking through the city, from New Town to Old, take a look at the city’s stunning architecture. Together, the constituent parts of Edinburgh’s city centre make up the city’s UNESCO World Heritage site.

10. Cultural hub
Edinburgh is home to over sixty galleries and six major performing art theatres – the jewel in the crown being the Edinburgh Playhouse Theatre. The UK’s largest theatre, it’s played host to many of the world’s most successful musicals and legendary bands and artists, including Bob Dylan, The Who and Johnny Cash.
Awards

We’re proud of the awards and accolades our city has earned.

Edinburgh has been recognised time after time for its beauty, residents’ quality of life, attractions and its status as a global hub of innovation. Here are a few from recent years.
2019

- Edinburgh is the world’s 15th most talent-rich city.
- Edinburgh has more trees than people, and more trees per head of population than any other UK city.
- Edinburgh is named one of the best places to live in the UK for those aged under 26 according to analysis by the BBC.
- Edinburgh is the best city in Scotland to start a Small or Medium sized Enterprise according to research carried out for Paymentsense.
- According to Barclays Mortgages, Edinburgh is home to the UK’s happiest home owners.
- Edinburgh is the only UK city listed in ECA International’s list of the world’s top 20 ‘most liveable’ world cities for European ex-pats.
- Edinburgh has topped the Scottish SME health index (CYGB).
- Edinburgh is the UK’s top city for economic growth according to property consultants Lambert Smith Hampton.

2018

- Edinburgh’s Leith area named ‘one of the Coolest Neighbourhoods in the World’ by Time Out magazine.
- Edinburgh rated most vibrant area in Scotland in the Vibrant Economy Index published by consultants Grant Thorton.
- Edinburgh named one of the best cities in the world for students by higher education data analysts QS.
- Edinburgh reported as the ‘best’ place for tech in UK in Tech Nation’s 2018 industry report.
- Edinburgh named the UK’s top city for inward investment by global consultancy Arcadis.
- The Scottish capital found to be the most attractive city to live and work in in a study commissioned by Royal Mail.
- Edinburgh named Europe’s most influential small city in Colliers International’s Cities of Influence report.
- The UK’s top ranking city for hotel development in Colliers International’s UK Hotels Market Index.
- Edinburgh was voted the UK’s Best Designation for Young People in British Educational Travel Association’s British Youth Travel Awards.
- Edinburgh was named Scotland’s Kindest City in a report commissioned by Travelodge in February 2018.
- Readers of Which? voted Edinburgh the best UK destination for a weekend away for the third year in a row.

2017

- Ranked 1st in the 2016/17 Foreign Direct Investment strategy category for Global Cities of the Future, Edinburgh has been named the best large city in Europe to invest in, owing in part to its internationally-recognised strategy to encourage investment.
- Edinburgh was named the UK’s greenest city after mapping firm Esri UK conducted an analysis of open park spaces in cities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. 49.1% of the city is green space.
- Research conducted by Expert Market found Edinburgh was the best place in the UK to launch a start up business, thanks to fast internet connectivity and modern digital infrastructure, affordable office space and a large pool of quality university graduate talent.
- Zoopla named Edinburgh the UK’s top property hotspot, beating all other UK cities including London and Glasgow, with homes on sale typically attracting 145% more interest from house hunters than average.

2016

- Edinburgh voted number one destination in the Daily Telegraph’s ‘Britain’s Best Ten Cities’ award, for third time in a row.
- The Royal Yacht Britannia has been judged as Scotland’s best visitor attraction every year for the past decade by VisitScotland.
- Edinburgh voted the fourth most beautiful city in the world by readers of Rough Guide, behind only Paris, Florence and Rome.
- Convention Edinburgh has been named as a finalist in one of the UK’s biggest tourism industry awards for the second year in a row. It is shortlisted in the category of Best UK Convention Bureau in the Meeting and Incentive Travel (M&IT) Awards, April 2016.
- Voted in top 25 Best Costal Cities in the World, Condé Nast Traveler.
- Edinburgh ranked 35st in the ICCA business tourism world cities ranking, and 20th in its European league tables.
New and Upcoming

Edinburgh is a growing city where there’s always something new around the corner to excite.

Find new openings and items for the calendar below...

PORTA Waterfront Market
Opened August 2019
Every Friday – Sunday, located on Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre’s 1st floor, overlooking the waterfront, PORTA Waterfront Market is a new permanent indoor market filled with food, drinks, arts and crafts. Visitors can expect an array of exhibiting stalls from bakery, confectionary and drinks to handcrafted and locally designed gifts. Exhibitor mix will change often meaning there will always be something new to discover.

oceanterminal.com

Bellfield Brewery
Opened August 2019
Founded by two coeliac friends, Bellfield Brewery specialise in only creating gluten-free beer, allowing those with a gluten-free diet to enjoy a high quality range of award-winning beers. The Tap Room and Beer Garden provides a bright and comfortable space located in the Abbeyhill area of Edinburgh just off London Road, benefiting from good public transport links from across Edinburgh.

bellfieldbrewery.com

InterContinental Edinburgh The George
August 2019
Formerly The Principal George Street, InterContinental Edinburgh The George has been rebranded and redesigned to an impeccable standard. From suites that celebrate Edinburgh’s history to a concierge team on hand to help make the most of a stay in the capital, the hotel delivers a five star stay to be remembered.

edinburgh.intercontinental.com

Holyrood Distillery
Opened July 2019
Edinburgh’s first whisky distillery in more than a century, this city-centre distillery is located right in the heart of Edinburgh’s distilling history on St. Leonard’s Lane. Situated in a 184-year-old Category-B Listed former Victorian railway building which has been renovated and extended, Holyrood Distillery offers tours and tastings and is perfect for whisky lovers.

holyrooddistillery.co.uk
YOTEL Edinburgh  
Opened July 2019

YOTEL’s first hotel in Scotland is based on a high quality travel experience and aims to “translate the language of luxury airline travel into small but luxurious cabins”. The hotel places guests in the centre of the New Town within easy reach of tourist attractions, bars, restaurants and some of the city’s most beautiful sights.

yotel.com/en/hotels/yotel-edinburgh

Market Street Hotel  
Opened July 2019

Inspired by a unique historic site, the new Market Street Hotel is original and bold. The hotel offers beautifully and luxuriously designed rooms, some of which offer panoramic views of the city. The Nor’ Loft champagne lounge offers stunning views looking over to Princes Street and the New Town.

carlton.nl/en/market-street-hotel-edinburgh

Johnnie Walker Experience
Coming soon

Situated at the West End of Princes Street, the Johnnie Walker Experience will be a three-storey immersive exploration of whisky making and the brand’s 200-year history. Plans include room for a flexible events space, a rooftop bar with views of Edinburgh Castle and a street-level whisky store inspired by the new Johnnie Walker flagship shop in Madrid.

diageo.com

Tattu Edinburgh
Coming Soon

Tattu is an award winning upmarket contemporary Chinese restaurant that’s set to open in 2019 in St Andrew Square. The restaurant will offer a mix of traditional flavours with modern cooking, providing a five star experience that’s as much a treat for the senses as it is for the taste buds.

tattu.co.uk/edinburgh

Edinburgh St James
Opening October 2020

Edinburgh St James will be a mixed-use destination for the future. Boasting a world-class retail, leisure, hotel and residential offer and injecting over £1 billion of investment into the city, the scheme will strengthen Edinburgh’s global standing by transforming the city's east end and making the area an inspiring, attractive and vibrant destination for people to live, shop, experience and play.

edinburghstjames.com

Scotland’s Year of Coasts and Waters 2020

In 2020, Scotland celebrates its Coasts and Waters with a year-long programme of events and activities which will shine a spotlight on these vital and beautiful elements of our landscape. From the beauty of the Water of Leith, the Portobello Promenade to the picturesque Leith Shore, Edinburgh will be showcasing the Scottish capital’s Coastline and waterways and their role in our city’s heritage and future.

Join the conversation by using #YCW2020

visitscotland.com/about/themed-years/coasts-waters
Culture and Events

Home to so many unique cultural attractions, Edinburgh is recognised as one of the most vibrant, beautiful and interesting cities on the planet.

From major galleries and museums to theatre, comedy and music, there are discoveries to be made around every corner, and a year long calendar of exciting festivals and events to suit all tastes and ages.
Twelve festivals over twelve months means thousands of designated events in Edinburgh, attracting artists, audiences and media from every continent and over 70 countries. Below are just a few of Edinburgh’s best annual events... 

**Scottish International Storytelling Festival** 18 - 31 October 2019
For centuries live oral storytelling, blended with music and song, has carried Scotland’s voices from generation to generation - and round the world. The Storytelling Festival is a ten-day celebration of traditional and contemporary storytelling, oral traditions and cultural diversity, bringing together artists and audiences from Scotland and beyond. 
[tracscotland.org](http://tracscotland.org)

**Edinburgh Oktoberfest** 30 October - 3 November 2019
Edinburgh’s Oktoberfest brings more than just the taste of the Bavarian to the Scottish capital. Hosted in a large beer tent next to West Princes Street Gardens, right in the heart of the city, the area is transformed into a tradition Oktoberfest complete with beer, live music, and a fantastic atmosphere. With space for 1,200, immerse yourself in a celebration of authentic German beer, food, community and music! 
[edinburgh-oktoberfest.co.uk](http://edinburgh-oktoberfest.co.uk)

**Edinburgh’s Christmas** 16 November 2019 - 5 January 2020
Edinburgh’s Christmas is a spectacular, six-week season of festive entertainment in the heart of the city. The festival is a fantastic Christmas celebration, and great fun for the whole family featuring delicious festive street food, mulled wine and cider sure to bring warmth and festive cheer to the soul. You’ll find gifts and souvenirs aplenty in the market as well as a Christmas Tree Maze, rides for the little ones and an atmosphere that cannot be beaten lighting up the centre of beautiful Edinburgh. 
[edinburghchristmas.com](http://edinburghchristmas.com)

**Edinburgh’s Hogmanay** 30 December 2019 - 1 January 2020
Hogmanay - the Scottish word for New Year’s Eve - is one of the biggest celebrations in Edinburgh and a bucket list experience for people from around the world. With celebrations including an awe-inspiring torchlight procession through the city’s streets, ceilidhs, the Street Party, fireworks and Loony Dook on 1 January, it’s the ultimate way to say goodbye to the old and welcome in the new year. 
[edinburghshogmanay.com](http://edinburghshogmanay.com)

**Burns & Beyond** 20 - 26 January 2020
Celebrating Scotland’s national poet Rabbie Burns, Burns & Beyond festival returns for Burns Night 2020, with a packed programme of free and ticketed events celebrating Scottish culture from Burns’ time to the present day in venues across Edinburgh city centre. This is your chance to discover the very best of Scotland’s creative talents both old and new in some of the capital’s most well-known buildings - and a few of its more secretive spaces too. 
[burnsandbeyond.com](http://burnsandbeyond.com)

**Edinburgh Wellbeing Festival** 1 - 2 February 2020
Edinburgh Wellbeing Festival is brought to you by Good Thinking Events, The City of Edinburgh Council and The Assembly Rooms, one of the City of Edinburgh Council’s landmark cultural venues. The city’s only festival dedicated to fitness, health and wellbeing, Edinburgh Wellbeing Festival brings together some of the biggest names in the wellness industry to deliver a weekend of talks, classes and workshops to help us lead healthier and happier lives. 
[edinburghwellbeingfestival.com](http://edinburghwellbeingfestival.com)

**Edinburgh Art Festival** 30 July - 30 August 2020
More than 40 museums, galleries and pop-up spaces come together in August to programme the Edinburgh Art Festival, with free entry to most exhibitions. It presents the best, most exciting and intriguing work in visual arts practice. 
[edfringe.com](http://edfringe.com)

**The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** 7 - 29 August 2020
The Tattoo is an iconic Edinburgh institution and a sellout year after year. Music, dance and precision display with the Massed Pipes and Drums, the Massed Military Bands, cultural troupes, singers and the poignant refrain of the Lone Piper against the stunning backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. 
[edinattattoo.co.uk](http://edinattattoo.co.uk)

**Edinburgh International Festival** 7 - 31 August 2020
Inaugurated in 1947 as a celebration of peace through the arts, the Edinburgh International Festival showcases the very best and most prestigious international companies. Featuring opera, music, theatre and dance from around the world, the International Festival is one of the most accessible events of its league, with tickets starting at £8.
[elf.co.uk](http://elf.co.uk)

**Edinburgh Festival Fringe** 7 - 31 August 2020
The one and only. An explosion of theatre, comedy, dance, physical theatre, music, children’s shows, exhibitions, musicals, and street performers brings over 2,500 shows to over 250 venues in Edinburgh. Expect the unexpected – all performers are welcome, with acts ranging from the experimental to new material from household names. 
[edfringe.com](http://edfringe.com)

**Edinburgh International Book Festival** 15 - 31 August 2020
The Edinburgh International Book Festival is the largest public celebration of ideas and the written word in the world. Over 900 participants from 47 different countries are welcomed to the historic venue of Charlotte Square Gardens. More than 220,000 people come to the gardens to soak up the atmosphere, take part in creative workshops and attend meet-the-author events. 
[ediobookfest.co.uk](http://ediobookfest.co.uk)

Keep up to date with the latest in Edinburgh’s festival calendar at 
[edinburgh.org/discover/edinburgh-festivals](http://edinburgh.org/discover/edinburgh-festivals)
Edinburgh Cocktail Week
14-10 October 2019
Edinburgh Cocktail Week returns this October, with its biggest and most exciting festival line-up yet - following its popularity last year, the Cocktail Village returns to Festival Square, with a new enchanted Cocktail Forest themed extension, 19 pop-up bars, live music and a cosy covered outdoor street food area! Cocktail Domes on the rooftop garden of The Glasshouse Hotel will offer wristband-holders the exclusive opportunity to enjoy views of Edinburgh's stunning skyline while sipping on a menu of £4 cocktails.
edinburghcocktailweek.co.uk

Scottish Vegan Festival
20 October 2019
The Scottish Vegan Festival returns to The Corn Exchange in Edinburgh for on Sunday 20th October. A fantastic day with lots of hot food, cakes, cosmetics will also see amazing talks, films and demos taking place throughout the day, which are free to attend for ticket holders. Tickets are £3 on the door or via the website, with under 16s admitted free. All money raised goes to Farplace Animal Rescue, a UK-wide animal rescue charity.
scothishveganfestival.com

Samhuinn
31 October 2019
The Samhuinn celebration takes place on top of Calton Hill on the same night as Hallowe'en. The story follows the overthrowing of Summer by Winter, with a dramatic stand-off between the Summer and Winter Kings. This is overseen by the Cailleach, a Celtic representation of the Goddess, or Divine Hag, who ultimately decides each King’s fate and ushers in the colder months. As a counterbalance to the Beltane Fire Festival, Samhuinn Fire Festival marks the transition from Summer to Winter with mixture of fireplay, drumming, and immersive performances - not to be missed.
beltane.org/about-samhuinn

Edinburgh Riding of the Marches
15 September 2019
The Edinburgh Riding of the Marches was formed in 2008 to promote and facilitate the annual re-enactment of the Edinburgh Riding of the Marches and all its associated traditions, commemorating Randolph Murray’s return with the tragic news of the defeat of the Scottish Army at the Battle of Flodden. The Edinburgh Riding of the Marches is one of Edinburgh’s largest public events, taking place every September. 300 horses and their riders will traverse the ancient Royal Mile - watched by hundreds of spectators.
edinburghridingofthemarches.com/edinburgh-riding-of-the-marches

Doors Open Days
28-29 September 2019
Doors Open Day is your chance to explore some of Edinburgh's architecturally and culturally significant buildings - all for free. From heritage landmarks to the city’s newest architecture, Doors Open Day offers free access to properties that are either not usually open to the public or would normally charge an entry fee. All venues feature behind the scenes tours, activities, exhibitions and/or talks which bring the history of the building and its everyday use to life.
cockburnassociation.org.uk/edinburgh-doors-open-day

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edinburghcocktailweek.co.uk

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scotsfiddelfestival.com

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cockburnassociation.org.uk/edinburgh-doors-open-day
Campaigns

Marketing Edinburgh run a number of campaigns to promote and celebrate the very best of Scotland’s capital city. With events, experiences and more to enjoy, Marketing Edinburgh’s collaborative approach allow us and our partners and stakeholders to reach the world with specific messages and increase the city’s appeal as a destination. Our campaigns give us the opportunity to show that even if you think you know our city, we can often surprise you with what there is to discover right around the corner.

Edinburgh Wows

Edinburgh Wows is a campaign promoting the city’s year-round arts, theatre, and music scenes alongside its rich galleries and museums over the winter season. Wonder Weeks, designed to help visitors immerse themselves with truly unforgettable experiences in one of the world’s most breathtaking cities, bring Edinburgh and its arts and performance scenes to life. This city has everything, from incredible theatre and mesmerising dance to outstanding live music from world-class performers. It’s all here, all year, set within the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage site formed by our Old and New Towns.

Great music. Great theatre. Great shopping. Great food. Whatever brings you joy, you’re going to find it in Edinburgh. With wonderful music, fantastic theatre, outstanding shopping opportunities and, of course, world-class places to stop for refreshments, there’s fun to be had from dawn til dusk. The only problem might be fitting it all in.

Edinburgh has been a source of wonder for centuries. It lies at the heart of Scotland’s history, and was central to the reformation, the Scottish Enlightenment and Scotland’s Renaissance. Its architecture is astonishingly rich and varied, and celebrated all over the world. But above all else, this is a city with a surprise around almost every corner, from the castle on its crag to the bijoux boutiques in the cobbled back streets.

It’s easy to fall in love with Edinburgh. With its arts, its history, its culture. Its one-of-a-kind independent shops and boutiques and incredible high street shopping. Not to mention the seriously good selection of places to eat, drink and stay. And, of course, with the city itself. Let us share what made us fall in love.

edinburghwows.com
#edinburghwows
Edinburgh’s 101 Objects

Discover the rich history of Edinburgh through 101 of its most treasured objects, located around the city. This is a visitor experience that takes you off the beaten track and guides you in an exploration of our city’s story, and into areas just waiting to be discovered. Celebrating our city’s fascinating, varied and often dark history, this unique visitor experience brings Edinburgh’s vibrant past to life right where it all happened.
Updated with new objects for 2019, Edinburgh’s 101 Objects is a curated collection of 101 of the city’s most historically interesting and significant objects.

From the prestigious to the prosaic, each one has an important tale to tell. Visitors can sift through the stories online, and then visit them in person to see them in situ.

Sitting at number 101 is Greyfriars Bobby - chosen in a public vote by Edinburgh residents as the city’s favourite object. Together, the collections reveals Edinburgh’s fascinating past like never before, allowing visitors and residents to learn more about the features of our city hundreds of people pass by every day.

Itineraries and a map are on hand from the 101 Objects website to help explorers get started, and to assist in rifling such a vast trove, the collection has been sorted into themes:

**Building a City; Arts & Performance; Books, Words & Ideas; City of Innovation; Everyday Living; Faith & Nation; On the Dark Side**

See the entire collection online at: [edinburgh.org/101](http://edinburgh.org/101)

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**#15 The Ross Fountain**

**Building a City**

An 18th century neo-classical temple over a mineral spring with highly decorative interior pump house.

[edinburgh.org/101/#object5](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object5)

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**#23 The Tattoo Drumstick**

**Arts & Performance**

A drumstick from Edinburgh Castle's 1948 military performance picked up by a little girl and kept for decades.

[edinburgh.org/101/#object23](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object23)

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**#33 David Hume's Lucky Toe**

**Books, Words & Ideas**


[edinburgh.org/101/#object33](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object33)

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**#67 Pickering’s Gin Tap**

**Everyday Living**

A bar tap serving draft gin from a small-batch micro distillery.

[edinburgh.org/101/#object67](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object67)

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**#85 Ceiling of The Thistle Chapel**

**Faith and Nation**

Early 20th century chapel dedicated to the Order of The Thistle.

[edinburgh.org/101/#object85](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object85)

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**#98 Book made from the skin of William Burke**

**On the Dark Side**

A chilling memento of one of Edinburgh’s most notorious serial killers.

[edinburgh.org/101/#object98](http://edinburgh.org/101/#object98)
Attractons

From pandas to pop art and dinosaurs to Dolly the Sheep, Edinburgh boasts galleries, museums, parks and more, all within easy reach. The ancient fortress of Edinburgh Castle, the royal splendour of Holyrood Palace, the mysterious vaults under the city and the breathtaking views from the Scott and Nelson Monuments mean there is no risk of running out of things to see and do here.

Two different city passes offer flexibility in getting to know the city, and with so much on offer within easy reach, a return visit might be in order.
Discover the city for less

The Edinburgh City Pass is valid for one, two, or three days and includes free entry to 17 attractions plus intimate, memorable local tours, many with local guides who can spin the best stories this side of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Pass holders also receive an Inside Edinburgh Guide with map, local tips galore and offers to help visitors make the very most of the city.

The Edinburgh City Pass is the ideal portal to Scotland's capital - and now includes airport transfers on the Tram too.

- One day pass: £45 per adult / £20 per child
- Two day pass: £55 per adult / £26 per child
- Three day pass: £65 per adult / £30 per child

See a full details of included attractions at edinburgh.org/pass

Find out more and purchase at edinburgh.org/pass

The seat of government and monarchy in Scotland, Edinburgh has a rich royal heritage - and the Royal Edinburgh Ticket is the perfect way to explore the unique splendours of Scotland's capital.

Valid for 48 hours, The Royal Edinburgh Ticket includes fast track admission to three majestic attractions - Edinburgh Castle, The Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Royal Yacht Britannia - and Hop-on, Hop-off access to three Edinburgh Bus Tours, allowing ticket holders to explore the city between each attraction with panoramic views from the top deck.

- The only ticket to provide access to Edinburgh Castle, The Palace of Holyroodhouse, Royal Yacht Britannia and three Edinburgh bus tours
- Valid for 48 hours
- Save 25% compared to buying each full price admission individually

Find out more and purchase at edinburgh.org/pass
Paid Attractions

The Real Mary King’s Close
Take a tour underground into one of Edinburgh’s most fascinating streets - covered over and left abandoned, you’ll walk the passageways and through the homes and places where the Old Town’s residents once lived and worked. Frozen in time, Mary King’s Close gives you the chance to walk into the city’s dark past, preserved just as it was in the 17th century.

High Street, 2 Warriston’s Close, EH1 1PG
realmarykings.com

Scotch Whisky Experience
The Scotch Whisky Experience is a five star visitor attraction at the top of Edinburgh’s Royal Mile that has been inspiring visitors to Edinburgh about the joys of Scotch whisky for over 30 years. A range of tours are on offer to fully immerse guests in how whisky is made, complete with the chance to taste whiskies from the various areas of Scotland - and step inside the largest collection of Scotch Whisky in the world.

354 Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE
scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

Edinburgh Zoo
Over 600,000 annual visitors can’t be wrong! Edinburgh Zoo is a must for any animal lover visiting Edinburgh. Get close to over 1,000 rare and endangered animals, or join one of the many educational events and activities - ranging from keeper talks through to hands-on animal encounters.

134 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 6TS
rzss.org.uk

The Usher Hall
Scotland’s only five-star concert hall, The Usher Hall is famed for hosting a range of concerts and performances from the worlds of rock, pop, classical, jazz, world and folk music. Offering a packed programme to suit all tastes, this beautiful Edwardian building is well-loved by performers and audiences alike thanks to its magnificent acoustics.

Usher Hall, Lothian Road, EH1 2EA
usherhall.co.uk

Surgeons’ Hall Museum
Learn more about our fascinating bodies, the histories of dentistry, medicine and surgery and the vital part that Scottish research played in all three. First developed as a teaching museum, Surgeons’ Hall Museum opened to the general public in 1832, making it Scotland’s oldest museum. The venue features interactive displays and exhibits, which will help visitors discover the stories and breakthroughs that have shaped modern surgical practice.

Nicolson Street, EH8 9DW
museum.rcsed.ac.uk

The Palace of Holyroodhouse
Open throughout the year, the Palace of Holyroodhouse stands at the end of Edinburgh’s Royal Mile. Explore the Palace’s close associations with some of Scotland’s most well-known historic figures such as Mary, Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie, and learn how today it is used by The Queen when carrying out official engagements in Scotland. The Palace is also home to the Queen’s Gallery which hosts a series of art exhibitions throughout the year.

Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DX
rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse
Free Attractions

National Museum of Scotland
Discover the delights of the natural world, explore ancient civilisations and be fascinated by treasures from around the world. Following a £14.1m refurbishment, ten new galleries open this summer, introducing more than 250 new interactive visitor activities, with a focus on the wonders of science, technology and design.

Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF
nms.ac.uk

The Potter Trail
Muggles welcome. Visit and learn about the Edinburgh locations that inspired JK Rowling to create her famous characters and scenes from the much loved Harry Potter books. Along with visiting where she wrote her books, visitors will learn about the real live witches and wizards of medical Edinburgh.

Tours depart outside Greyfriars Bobby Bar
30-34 Candlemaker Row, EH1 2Q
pottertrail.com

Scottish National Gallery
The Scottish National Gallery displays some of the greatest art in the world, including masterpieces by Botticelli, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Constable, Turner, Monet, Van Gogh and Gauguin, amongst many others. The most comprehensive part of the collection covers the history of Scottish painting – all the major names, including Ramsay, Raeburn, Wilkie and McTaggart, are represented.

The Mound, Edinburgh, EH2 2EL
nationalgalleries.org

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Founded in the 17th century as a physic garden, The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh now extends over four gardens, cultivating a rich living collection of plants, flower and fauna. It’s rightly a world-renowned centre for plant science and education.

20A Inverleith Row, EH3 5LR
rbge.org.uk

Scottish Parliament
The devolved national, unicameral legislature of Scotland, the Scottish Parliament sits at the foot of Edinburgh’s Royal Mile by Holyrood Park and the Salisbury Crags. Open to the public six days a week, visitors can enjoy free guided tours providing an in-depth insight into the workings of the Scottish parliamentary system.

Horse Wynd, Edinburgh EH9 1SP
parliament.scot

Museum of Edinburgh
Discover Edinburgh’s fascinating history through the Museum of Edinburgh’s wide and varied collections. With a wide range of stories and objects, this museum has something for young and old, locals and visitors. In addition to the permanent collections, there is a regular programme of special exhibitions hosted at the museum.

142-146 Canongate, Edinburgh EH8 8DD
edinburghmuseums.org.uk
Food and Drink

With more restaurants per head of population than anywhere else in the UK outside of London, including four Michelin stars and three Bib Gourmands, Edinburgh has a wealth of destination restaurants and bars.

Elsewhere in the city, supper clubs, pop-up restaurants, an innovative and growing vegan scene, mouthwatering street food, farmers’ markets and even ‘collaborative feasts’ give just a snapshot of the world-class cookery that’s on the doorstep in Scotland’s capital city.
Hawksmoor Edinburgh
A short walk from Waverley station, Princes Street and just off St Andrew Square, Hawksmoor Edinburgh is located in the beautiful former national Bank of Scotland Banking Hall. In Edinburgh, Hawksmoor draws on the amazing produce that Scotland has to offer, featuring seafood from around the Scottish coast and beef from grass-fed native breed cattle.

23 West Register Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AA
thehawksmoor.com/locations/Edinburgh

The Refinery
Perfectly located in the heart of Edinburgh, The Refinery is a laid back but glamorous hub in the city's thriving drinking and dining scene. A simply stunning setting combining industrial sophistication with Scottish comforts. Day or night, from business breakfasts to long dinner dates, The Refinery St Andrew Square is your escape from the everyday.

5 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2BD
drakeandmorgan.co.uk/the-refinery-st-andrew-square

Dishoom
Paying homage to the old Irani cafés of Mumbai, Dishoom brings a welcoming atmosphere to enjoy a menu of delicious Indian cuisine. Downstairs, the Permit Room bar serves drinks and cocktails, its name recalling Mumbai’s prohibition laws and the illicit undertones of a Permit Room where tipplers are ‘required to have a permit to consume alcohol’ - if only for the preservation and maintenance of one’s health...

3a St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2BD
dishoom.com/Edinburgh

Surf & Turf at the MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
Simple dishes, using only the finest in locally sourced meat and fish are the foundation of Surf & Turf’s menu, where classic flavours are served with a twist that makes the meal as memorable as the location right by the Scottish Parliament and Holyrood Park. With four AA stars and popularity with guests and non-guests alike, it’s no surprise that booking ahead is advised to avoid disappointment.

81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AU
macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/scotland/edinburgh/macdonald-holyrood-hotel-and-spa/eat-drink/surf-turf-holyrood

The Witchery
Hidden next to the gates to Edinburgh Castle, James Thomson’s Witchery is the most spectacularly atmospheric dining destination in the city. The stunning décor and legendary food have ensured the Witchery by the Castle has become a much loved Edinburgh institution. Dine in the rich baroque surroundings of the original oak-panelled Witchery or among the elegant candle-lit charms of the Secret Garden.

The Witchery by the Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NF
thewitchery.com

Twenty Princes Street
Twenty Princes Street with its massive picture windows overlooking Princes Street effortlessly blends visionary design with exceptional dining & drinking. Whether it’s a lazy lunch, a catch up with colleagues or an enchanting dinner you’ll discover seasonal, handcrafted dishes, using fresh, locally sourced ingredients that are perfectly presented.

20 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AN
twentyprincesstreet.co.uk
Southside Scran
Chef Tom Kitchin, his wife and business partner Michaela along with their team brought their famous touch to Edinburgh's southside in November 2018. The menu at Southside Scran reflects Chef Kitchin and Chef Dominic Jack's sincere passion for seasonal produce and their shared love of France and its cuisine, and with everything from breakfast to pre-theatre and fine evening dining, Southside Scran's bistro setting encourages guests to enjoy an atmosphere made perfect for family and friends alike.

14-17 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh EH10 4HN
southsidescran.com

Burgers and Beers Grillhouse
Burgers and Beers carefully take the time to select the best produce locally from award-winning butchers, dedicating between 40-60 hours a week to hand-making all of our burgers on site. Even their burger buns come from an artisan French bakery. As they take time and pride in sourcing the best local produce, their aim is to make the best burgers to be found in the Scottish capital.

192a High Street, Royal Mile Edinburgh EH1 1RW
burgersandbeersgrillhouse.co.uk

Vapiano
Vapiano has brought their trademark laid back approach to dining to the capital with a space that buzzes with conversation and people enjoying expertly crafted food. Handmade pasta, pizzas and salads are made fresh every day, and served to order with guests enjoying face-to-face interaction with chefs. Diners are given a chip card on arrival, used to order drinks and food and pay individually on the way out - removing the hassle of bill-splitting for large groups.

7 South St David Street, Edinburgh EH1 1RW
vapiano.co.uk

Fazenda
Located on George Street, Fazenda fuses the sophistication and style of the New Town with an authentic rodizio experience through an amalgam of Scotland’s heritage and South American tradition. Diners’ journeys begin at the extensive salad bar, with sizzling meat brought straight to the table on skewers by expert chefs. There are no limits on how much food guests can enjoy, and vegans, vegetarians and pescetarians are well catered for with an array of delicious options.

102 George St, Edinburgh EH2 3DF
fazenda.co.uk/edinburgh

The Villager
An award-winning cocktail bar complete with excellent food choices and live music are what combine to make The Villager a stand-out choice on George IV Bridge. Open every day from 12pm until 1am, The Villager is family friendly and welcomes groups looking to share a celebratory drink or just to relax after a long day in the office.

49-50 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EJ
oldtownpubco.com/our-bars/the-villager-edinburgh

Akva
A Swedish bar, cafe and party venue, Akva's name is inspired by the waters of Edinburgh's Union Canal and provides a welcoming, fun atmosphere for all - kids and dogs included. The fabulous beer garden is the only place to be when the sun is shining in Edinburgh, and it pays to keep an eye on the year-round programme of fun events including Swedish Midsummer, Garden Parties, Lucia plus many more.

129 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH3 9QG
bodabar.com/akva
**Experiences**

**Union Brew Lab - Barista Training**
For coffee aficionados, Brew Lab offer a number of different levels of classes for to learn the ins and outs of creating the finest espresso with just the right crema. Visitors can learn in their dedicated brewing lab from award winning baristas, and when the lesson is over, relax and stick around into the evening to sample their delicious food and drink selection. Brew Lab also host events and will even travel to festivals - making sure there's never a need to go without good coffee.

6-8 South College St, Edinburgh, EH8 9AA
brewlabcoffee.co.uk/training-lab

**Pickering's Gin Distillery Tour**
A tour of one of Edinburgh's first gin distillery in over 150 years, this experience takes visitors on a behind-the scenes journey into the creation of what has become one of Edinburgh's favourite tipples. Guests can sample all three of the distillery's gins before having the chance to enjoy a G&T poured from a tap piped through to the Royal Dick Bar next door. The perfect way to explore Edinburgh's innovative and exciting distillery scene, tours can also be bought as gifts and redeemed at a later date.

1 Summerhall, Edinburgh EH9 1PL
pickeringsgin.com

**Scotch Malt Whisky Society**
The Scotch Malt Whisky Society (SMWS) offers the world's widest collection of rare and exceptional single cask whiskies to discerning whisky lovers. Each of their whiskies is bottled from a single cask at natural strength without the addition of water or colouring. 26,000 members worldwide enjoy access to the society's venues, with exclusive tastings and delicious food. Members can also bring guests to enjoy the intimate atmosphere, hosted by experts in whisky.

28 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JX
smws.com

**Red Bus Bistro**
Get on board and enjoy either an Afternoon tea, Gin Tea or Gourmet Burger Experience on a vintage 1966 Routemaster Bus, taking in the stunning sights that Edinburgh has to offer. This unique experience is perfect for special occasions, or just to enjoy a meal while touring the city – want something a little more private? The bus can also be hired exclusively, making it great for parties and groups.

redbusbistro.co.uk

**Edinburgh Foodies Festival Christmas**
Foodies Festival Christmas, Edinburgh's favourite food festival, kicks off the festive season at the EICC in November at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. With restaurant tents, theatres of cake, drinks and more, as well as VIP masterclasses and baking activities for children, this is the perfect way for attendees to get into the seasonal spirit and indulge their foodie side along the way.

22-24 November 2019
foodiesfestival.com/edinburgh-christmas

**At the Market**
Every weekend, locals and visitors can explore three neighbourhood markets in Stockbridge, Leith and The Grassmarket. From artisan fresh bread, seasonal vegetables and piping hot streetfood to local art, jewellery and second hand-books, tasty treats and unbelievable bargains are to be found everywhere any time of the week.

edinburgh.org/things-to-do/activities/markets

See more of Edinburgh's award winning Food and Drink at edinburgh.org/things-to-do/food-and-drink
Shopping

From the grandeur of Jenners to the absolute indulgence of Harvey Nichols and Multrees Walk, there’s plenty to choose from.

From second-hand emporia to high fashion boutiques, gift & souvenir shops to niche specialists, there’s no risk of unimaginative shopping in this cosmopolitan city.
Multrees Walk
Multrees Walk is the heart of luxury shopping in Edinburgh. Designers such as Mulberry, Louis Vuitton, Burberry and Tommy Hilfiger create a treasure trove of shops. Links of London and Swarovski help shoppers sparkle, while fashionista’s dream Harvey Nichols is packed with all the names you’d expect to find in the city’s finest shopping area.

St. Andrew Square, EH1 3DQ

Thistle Street
Nestled behind George Street, Thistle Street is one of Edinburgh’s best kept secrets filled with premium boutiques such as Jane Davidson, Kakao by K and Pam Jenkins. For kilts – traditional or modern – head to 21st Century Kilts, where many a star from Madonna to Robbie Williams have been dressed.

Thistle Street, EH2 1EN

Grassmarket
A creative hub for the city, the Grassmarket offers a unique specialist shopping experience. With over 90% of the shops independent, its packed with vintage, boutique, arts and crafts. Armstrong’s Vintage Emporium, established in 1840 has garments and accessories from every decade dating back to the Victorian era. Or check out the stunning tailored tweed at Walker Slater and the beautiful creations of the Red Door Gallery.

Grassmarket, EH1 2HS

The West End
The West End shopping area spreads across William Street and Stafford Street. This cobbled oasis of independent retailers and stylish boutiques features Studio One with its classy home accessories, lighting, photo frames and wooden animals. Women’s independent fashion shop Sam Brown and Remus, interior design pioneers and purveyors of home-based curiosities, are also definitely worth a visit.

West End, EH12 5AU

George Street
Home to some of Edinburgh’s favourite high street and designer stores, including Hollister, LK Bennett, The White Company, Anthropologie and French Connection, George Street is the heart of Edinburgh’s Georgian New Town. Shops to satisfy every fashion lover’s needs are here, with cocktail bars and restaurants to match - the perfect venues to relax in after a hard day’s shopping.

George Street, EH2 3BU

Victoria Street
High-end independent clothing boutiques like Godiva Boutique and whisky shops such as Jeffrey St Whiskies sit alongside little caves of wonder like the Aha Ha Ha Joke Shop and the Harry Potter-themed Boy Wizard. With so much on offer, the shops of Victoria Street leading down to the Grassmarket mean the shopping experience will be as special as the gift or souvenir you take away with you.

Victoria Street, EH1 2HG
Stay

Edinburgh spoils for wonderful places to call home away from home. From the unashamed luxury at The Balmoral or Prestonfield House to budget friendly offerings like the tried and trusted chains, Edinburgh offers accommodation for budgets big and small.
Angels Share Hotel & Bar
At the very epicentre of iconic and historic Edinburgh, Angels Share Hotel & Bar is a showcase of contemporary Scottish culture. They celebrate the real Scotland – the one that is vibrant, fashionable and current. The stylish bedrooms have a contemporary design each featuring Scottish cultural icons. Stocking an impressive range of premium whisky, a menu of cocktails that prominently feature Scottish products and live music and food that showcases the finest modern cuisine made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients, this is an experience not to miss.

7-11 Hope Street, Edinburgh EH2 4EL
angelssharehotel.com

Fingal
Long-awaited and certain to exceed expectations, Fingal is one of Edinburgh’s newest and most luxurious hotel experiences. Fingal began life based in Oban, facing storm-lashed seas bringing supplies and equipment to some of Scotland’s most remote lighthouses. Today she’s been transformed through a journey of glamour and sophistication, offering luxurious cabins in a truly unique and beautiful situation - and in good company too, with the Royal Yacht Britannia moored close by.

Alexandra Dock, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 7DX
fingal.co.uk

Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - The Caledonian
Built in 1903, Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - the Caledonian is a historic icon offering the largest number of rooms with views of Edinburgh Castle in the city. A perfect base to explore Scotland’s capital, the hotel is within walking distance of Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile, Edinburgh International Conference Centre. The hotel is ideally located for Edinburgh’s world famous events, including the Edinburgh International Festival, Festival Fringe and Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Rutland Street, EH1 2AB
thecaledonian.waldorfastoria.com

The Scotsman Hotel
Named for the ground-breaking national newspaper once printed on the premises, The Scotsman is a luxury hotel retains original features, including luxurious floor to ceiling wood panelled rooms, a grandiose marble staircase and stained glass windows. Many of its rooms offer views of key landmarks while an extensive list of offbeat signature amenities include a wee nip of whisky on arrival, personally chosen reading recommendations, a lazy breakfast in bed and a whole lot more.

20 North Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1TR
scotsmanhotel.co.uk

Eden Locke
Eden Locke is a design-led aparthotel for those who want to do things differently, and experience the unique and authentic right in Edinburgh’s city centre. Designed for travellers for whom a bed and shower in a shoebox isn’t enough, Eden Locke immerses guests in its neighbourhood’s culture through spaces that connect its residents to the News Town and its wider community of like-minded locals and travellers. The café bar serves a range of coffee and pastries through the day as well as the best locally-sourced liquor alongside the usual favourite premium brands.

127 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4JN
lockeliving.com/eden-locke

Le Monde
Le Monde’s 18 individually designed bedrooms are inspired by the world’s most stylish cosmopolitan cities. Wake up under the stars in Los Angeles, experience the urban design of New York, enjoy the carnival spirit of Rio or indulge in the luxe vintage vibe of Paris. The modern food and drink menus offer a world of flavour and elegance, at any time of the day. The delicious small plate dining combines global inspiration with local Scottish produce. The hotel’s skilled bar team offer modern cocktails inspired by classic and lesser known drinks from around the world.

16 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PF
lemondehotel.co.uk
Hidden Gems

Find hidden gems around every corner in Scotland’s capital. Must-try restaurants, bars and cafes are everywhere while off-the-beaten track shops and activities and experiences are waiting to be discovered.
The Stand Comedy Club
Those looking for a laugh should make sure not to miss out on The Stand. Major acts and local hopefuls take the mike in this comedy basement. They also run free lunchtime shows!

5 York Place, EH1 3EB
thestand.co.uk

St Giles’ Roof Top Tours
Not only offering panoramic views of the city and Royal Mile, the rooftop tour gives visitors a rare glimpse into how the cathedral has been altered over the years. Guides tell tales about the tower and take groups up for a closer look at the medieval beams and bells of St Giles’.

St Giles’ Cathedral, EH1 1RE
stgilescathedral.org.uk

Collective
Collective brings people together to look at, think about and produce contemporary art in the newly reopened and refurbished city observatory sat atop Calton Hill. A beautiful building with a beautiful view, the gallery hosts Collective’s programme of exhibitions, walks, and events presenting contemporary art in all its diversity and providing artists with the opportunity to make new work and audiences the chance to see it first.

City Observatory 38 Calton Hill, Edinburgh EH7 5AA
collective-edinburgh.art

Gardner’s Cottage
The Gardener’s Cottage is committed to creating and serving excellent food using the best local produce. With the focus on seasonal cooking and social dining, a six course set menu is served in the evenings on long communal dining tables. Lunch is à la carte and brunch is served at the weekends.

Royal Terrace, EH7 5DX
thegardenerscottage.co

Water of Leith
Wander down from Stockbridge to the vibrant bars and restaurants of Leith, taking in some of the city’s most picturesque sights. Offering 24 miles of idyllic walking and cycling pathways along the leafy riverside, the old 19th century mills of the Dean Village is one of its most popular stops and one of Edinburgh’s most popular Instagram spots.

Water of Leith Visitor Centre
24 Lanark Road, Edinburgh EH14 1TQ
waterofleith.org.uk

Paper Tiger
The Edinburgh destination for unique Scottish gifts and souvenirs, Paper Tiger’s shops offer a fantastic range of quality and distinctive greetings cards and stationery, beautiful wrapping papers, and an inspiring collection of books, toys, gifts and jewellery and other well-designed products from Edinburgh, Scotland and beyond.

53 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH1 2DJ
papertiger.co.uk

Discover even more at edinburgh.org/things-to-do/hidden-gems
Edinburgh on Film

Edinburgh has played a starring role as a superb film location. From blockbusters such as *Avengers: Infinity War*, *Trainspotting* and *Sunshine on Leith* to TV acclaimed series such as *Clique* and *Outlander*, Scotland’s capital is just as used to playing a leading role on screen as it is on the world stage.
Avengers: Infinity War
Released April 2018
The 19th film in one of the world's biggest and beloved franchises, Avengers: Infinity War was filmed partly on location in Edinburgh over seven weeks. Featuring Edinburgh's historic Old Town and city centre in the film's biggest on-location shoot, Edinburgh scenes include the Royal Mile, the roof of St Giles' Cathedral and in Waverley Train Station, complete with explosions and a reunion of some of the film's central characters.
edinburgh.org/edinburgh-on-film/filmed-in-edinburgh/avengers-infinity-war

Fast & Furious 9
Release TBA
The latest blockbuster to use Edinburgh as its setting, Fast & Furious 9 involves a four-week filming schedule seeing close to 800 crew members including 375 local hires working on location in September 2019, following location filming in London in June. Edinburgh's film office, Film Edinburgh, and the City of Edinburgh Council have been working closely with the production team to support Director Justin Lin and his crew.
filmedinburgh.org/News/Fast-Furious-9-to-film-in-Edinburgh-55364

Outlaw King
Released on Netflix November 2018
Starring Chris Pine, Outlaw King opened the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and premiered in Edinburgh ahead of its Netflix release. The filmspent seven days filming in Edinburgh, but over a month of preparation saw the production team build a medieval village around Craigmillar Castle. The castle, which also features in Outlander season 3, appears alongside scenes shot at Seacill Beach in East Lothian.
edinburgh.org/edinburgh-on-film/filmed-in-edinburgh/outlaw-king

Clique
Released 2017 (Season 1), 2018 (Season 2)
Psychological thriller Clique, from Skins writer Jess Brittain, follows two friends as they embark on their lives as university students in Edinburgh. They soon find themselves drawn to an elite clique of alpha girls led by charismatic lecturer Jude McDermid. Filmed on location in Edinburgh, the series features a host of recognisable spots including The Meadows, Dynamic Earth, Potterow and Parliament Square to name but a few.
edinburgh.org/edinburgh-on-film/filmed-in-edinburgh/clique

Outlander Season 3
Released September 2017
Adapted from the best-selling book series by Diana Gabaldon, Outlander follows the story of Claire Randall, a nurse who travels back in time to 1743 from her native 1945. For the first time in the series, locations in the city of Edinburgh make an appearance: the lecture theatre at Summerhall, Craigmillar Castle, Bakehouse Close and Tweeddale Court in Edinburgh's Old Town and the splendid Signet Library are all featured in Season 3.
edinburgh.org/edinburgh-on-film/filmed-in-edinburgh/outlander

Edinburgh on Film
Edinburgh has provided a stunning, evocative and versatile backdrop for big screen productions and television series alike.
Find location maps, guides and information about other productions made in the city on the This is Edinburgh website:
edinburgh.org/edinburgh-on-film

Sign up to receive the latest Film Edinburgh news and activity with bi-monthly email updates at filmedinburgh.org
Media Centre

With high quality assets and resources, our media centre is where to find video content and imagery of Edinburgh throughout the year.

With more than 445,000 followers combined across our channels, our advertising packages allow access to a highly engaged and receptive audience.
Browse our campaigns and City videos at:

youtube.com/thisisedinburgh

Find a range of free-to-use print-quality images of Edinburgh at

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