



# FÄLTTE GU EDINBURGH

WAYFINDER ITINERARY

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A scenic view of Edinburgh Castle on a rocky hillside under a blue sky with a few clouds. In the foreground, the ornate Fountain of St. George is in full bloom, featuring a central figure holding a spear and a shield, surrounded by other figures and water spraying from various points. The fountain is painted in shades of teal and gold. The castle's stone walls and towers are visible in the background, and lush green trees frame the scene on the left and bottom.

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# INTRODUCTION

# HALÒ!

Thank you so much for downloading our Edinburgh Itinerary! **This is a sample itinerary to give you a taste of what our full Your Guides Abroad Itineraries include.**

Consider this a test drive. If you find value in the Video Guide, Excursion Day (four to five are in the full itineraries!), and Quick Hits, you'll be confident you can trust us with your vacation. Learn more and purchase a [Your Guides Abroad Itinerary for Paris or London](#).

We designed this itinerary as a grab-and-go guide. Browse it during your trip planning phase. Understand the reservations you should make, get familiar with Edinburgh, and absorb the excursion day across the city. This guide will help you plan and make the *trip of a lifetime* to Edinburgh a reality.

How to use this itinerary: Start with the [Edinburgh Video Guide](#) to familiarize yourself with the city and the excursion day. Book required reservations. We've mapped out the day to make the most of your time so you can see the best sights without wasting any time backtracking.

If you're staying more than one day, look at the [Quick Hits](#) section for recommendations on places to stay and our favorite restaurants, pubs, and local tours.

Our [full itineraries](#) include five and four excursion days for London and Paris, respectively. Pick the days that interest you most, depending on the length of your stay. We also include a Transportation Video Guide in those itineraries.

To help you get started quickly, watch the Edinburgh Video Guide on the next page.

Have a wonderful trip!

*Erica & Jordan*

*(and Henry & Edith)*

# EDINBURGH VIDEO GUIDE

Before you get here, get to know Edinburgh with this lay of the land video. We start with an overview of the city so you can familiarize yourself with some basics. Then, we dive into what to expect on the excursion day.

This video will show you what you can expect on a trip to Edinburgh.

[VIEW VIDEO](#)



# EDINBURGH AUDIO GUIDE

While we love videos to show a travel destination, we also appreciate an audio tour. In this podcast-style audio guide, we share history, facts, and interesting stories about the sites you will walk past on this day in Edinburgh.

[LISTEN TO AUDIO](#)





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# EXCURSION DAY

## EXCURSION DAY:

# EDINBURGH: NEW & OLD

You are going to explore the best of central Edinburgh today. Start the day in a cute neighborhood of Edinburgh, then walk through New Town, and finally climb the crag to Edinburgh's Old Town. It may feel like a lot to do in one day, but the distances between the stops are short. The history of this fantastic city will enthrall you so that the day will fly by!



### TRAVEL TIME

**Stop 1 to Stop 9:** 1 Hour, 5 Minutes (2.8 Miles) without taking time for the stops

Plan for a full day out: 8 AM to 7 PM

Add or remove stops as you stroll the Royal Mile!

› [Click Here for Google Maps Walking Directions](#)



### RESERVATIONS

The Palace of Holyroodhouse can be booked in advance for a better price and rarely sells out. [Book here](#) for the date you want. A timeslot is not required.

Edinburgh Castle is a 2- to 4-hour visit (not included in this itinerary, but we'd be remiss not to mention it). [Book tickets](#) here a month in advance to get the needed time and date. The castle does sell out, but [Guided Tours](#) have last-minute availability.



### PACK

- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Day Pack
- Rain Gear or Jacket
- Dress for the Weather Forecast
- Sunscreen if Sunny (good luck with that!)

Click any number for directions.



## Edinburgh: New & Old Stops

### 📍 STOP 0

#### **PÂTISSERIE FLORENTIN**

Optional cafe for pastries, cakes, espresso, and Scottish Baps

**PRICE:** £9

**TIME THERE:** 30 Minutes

› *Alternative: The Pantry*

### 📍 STOP 1

#### **DEAN VILLAGE**

Stroll through the old village with a stop on the Water of Leith Walkway bridge for a fantastic view.

**TIME THERE:** 1 Hour

### 📍 STOP 2

#### **PRINCES STREET GARDENS**

Stroll the monuments along Princes Street or sit and savor in the garden with locals.

**PRICE:** Free

**TIME THERE:** 1 Hour

› *Alternative: The Georgian House*

### 📍 STOP 3

#### **GLADSTONE'S LAND**

Self-guided tour of a 17th-century merchant's house

**PRICE:** £11 Adult, £6.50 Child

**TIME THERE:** 45 Minutes

› *Alternative: The Writers' Museum*

### 📍 STOP 4

#### **VICTORIA STREET**

Lunch at Oink Victoria Street for pulled pork sandwiches

**PRICE:** £8

**TIP:** Go up to Victoria Street Terrace for a view and a drink

› *Alternative: Howies Victoria Street local pub food*

### 📍 STOP 5

#### **ROYAL MILE HIGHLIGHTS**

- › *St. Giles' Cathedral*
- › *Trunk's Close*
- › *Tron Kirk Market*
- › *John Knox House*
- › *Paisley Close*
- › *Dunbars Close*

### 📍 STOP 6

#### **THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE**

Multimedia Guide Included

**PRICE:** Adult £26 On the Day, £22 in Advance

**TIME THERE:** 1.5 Hours

**LAST ADMISSION:** 4:30 PM Apr-Oct / 3:15 PM Nov-Mar

### 📍 STOP 7

#### **WHISKI BAR & RESTAURANT**

Walk halfway up the Royal Mile for a lively Scottish dinner

**PRICE:** £20

**RESERVATIONS:** [Available](#), but they leave seats available for walk-ins.

› *Alternative: Tollbooth Tavern (closer to Holyroodhouse)*

### 📍 STOP 0

#### PÂTISSERIE FLORENTIN

This is an optional stop but a great way to start your day in Edinburgh. Walk, taxi, or bus to the charming [Patisserie Florentin](#) at the south end of the Stockbridge neighborhood. For breakfast, grab a coffee, espresso, smoothie, pastry, sandwich, or all of the above.

› *Open daily at 8 AM.*

› [Click here for directions.](#)

The charming cafe, full of local artwork, is half a block from the even more charming Circus Lane. It is lined with cottage houses that run along a cobblestone lane with a church steeple in the background, making for a delightful stroll and photographs.

› [Click here for directions.](#)



**Alternative:** The Pantry, 100 meters from Patisserie Florentin, can provide a heartier meal for this big day in Edinburgh. The walk-in-only breakfast spot offers avocado toast, waffles and bacon, and more. But you'll be ordering the classic Pantry Fry.

› *£15 per plate. Opens at 9 AM.*

› [Click here for directions.](#)

### 📍 STOP 1

#### DEAN VILLAGE

Located 5 minutes from Princes Street, Dean Village is the off-the-beaten-path place you want to discover. The Water of Leith runs through the ancient village, once home to eleven mills for 800 years. Today, the goal is to walk to the pedestrian bridge on the Water of Leith Walkway.

› [Click here for directions.](#)

The bridge is ideal for the iconic view of Dean Bridge, historic buildings along the river, and the Water of Leith walkway. From here, you can walk amongst the charming buildings, like the 1880s Well Court arts and crafts-designed building, and down the Water of Leith Walkway. Explore until you are ready for the next stop!



If you're walking from Patisserie Florentin (Stop 0), you can follow the river upstream to Dean Village. You will pass St. Bernard's Well (1789). Inside is a natural spring thought to have healing powers. This walk under the trees and along the river is our favorite in Edinburgh.

Just a short walk past Dean Village, you can browse art exhibitions at the [Dean Gallery and the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art](#). Both are free to enter, but we recommend walking to Stop 2 to see more of Edinburgh.

### 📍 STOP 2

#### PRINCES STREET GARDENS

A 17-minute walk from Dean Village will take you to Princes Street Gardens. You will walk through New Town and pass by the [Johnnie Walker Experience](#). If a morning dram of whisky isn't your liking (they open at 10 AM), voyage down into the gardens. We are all about sitting and savoring when visiting a city. Relax on the grass with locals, see the statues along Princes Street, and go to Ross Fountain for a stellar view of Edinburgh Castle ([directions](#)). When the sun is out, this is the place to be in Edinburgh.

Princes Street Gardens are two public parks separated by The Mound, on which the [National Gallery of Scotland](#) is located. The park is between New Town and Old Town. Nor Loch was a defensive lake (imagine a moat) for Edinburgh Castle, but it was perpetually polluted. In the 1820s, it was drained to make the gardens.

**Alternative:** [The Georgian House](#) is an 18th-century home designed by Robert Adam, the epitome of wealth and class. It is a 5-minute walk north from the [Johnnie Walker Experience](#) as you walk towards the Princes Street Gardens in New Town.

The museum is a beautiful example of typical Edinburgh New Town development

from the 18th and 19th centuries. This museum complements Stop 3, an example of a 17th-century Old Town tenement.

› **Price: £13.50 Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM Daily**

### 📍 STOP 3

#### GLADSTONE'S LAND

It's time to head up the crag into Old Town. There are numerous free or inexpensive museums in Old Town. Let me count the reasons why Gladstone's Land was our favorite historical site.

Due to the cramped conditions of Old Town, landlords were forced to build upwards. In the 17th century, Edinburgh was a town of skyscrapers. Standing six stories high (one tenement reached 14 floors!), Gladstone's Land is a perfect example of a high-tenement house. Purchased and refurbished by the [National Trust of Scotland](#), the immersive tour through one of the oldest homes in Edinburgh will give you a glimpse of life in the ancient capital. Let the guides on each floor share the history of the merchants and tenets who lived here for over 500 years. Tickets can be purchased on the ground floor.

› **Adult £11 / Child £6.50 Open: 10 AM to 4 PM**



### ALTERNATIVE MUSEUMS NEARBY:

**THE WRITERS' MUSEUM** (free) features the manuscripts and effects of Burns, Scott, and Stevenson in a 1622 house. Walk down Lady Stair's Close next to Gladstone's Land to find the museum.

**MUSEUM ON THE MOUND** (free) traces the history and design of money. Closed Monday and Sunday.

**CAMERA OBSCURA & WORLD OF ILLUSION** (£24.95) five floors dedicated to illusion and the world's oldest working camera obscura on the roof. Great for a view of the Royal Mile!

**EDINBURGH CASTLE** (£21.50 online) is at the top of the Royal Mile. We recommend taking half a day to tour the castle, but we want to point it out as you will be right here. Visit during the 1 PM cannon fire.

## 📍 STOP 4

### VICTORIA STREET LUNCH

Victoria Street is Edinburgh's second most famous street after the Royal Mile. Its funky curves, colorful buildings, view from the public terrace, and Flemish-style buildings make it picture-perfect. And for those Harry Potter fans, J.K. Rowling wrote Harry Potter in a cafe here. It is the Diagon Alley of Edinburgh.



Grab a drink and a view from the terrace above the street. As you come off the Royal Mile, follow the directions to take you past Tollbooth Kirk and down Upper Bow. This will take you to the top of the terrace or down the steps to Victoria Street.

The street is full of interesting shops, cafes, and restaurants. We recommend grabbing a quick sandwich at [Oink Victoria Street](#). Oink serves up delicious pulled pork sandwiches. Pick your size, stuffing, and sauce. Enjoy!

If you'd prefer a sit-down pub-style lunch, go to [Howies Victoria Street](#).

## 📍 STOP 5

### ROYAL MILE HIGHLIGHTS

It is time to stroll the Royal Mile to take in the history, grab some Scottish souvenirs, and enjoy the street performers. Below is a list of our favorite Royal Mile Stops. If you're staying another day in Edinburgh, a [Local Tour Guide](#) is the best way to get absorbed into Old Town's stories, residents, and history. The list of stops below is in order as you walk down the Royal Mile toward Stop 6. Make sure to get to Stop 6 before the last entry time.



**St. Giles' Cathedral:** Admire the 12th-century church from the square or take one of its guided tours at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Self-guided tours are also available. The suggested donation is £6. Home to the Scottish Reformation.

**Tron Kirk Market** is a makers' market highlighting Scottish artists and craftsmen. It is a welcome relief from the shops along the Royal Mile. Tron Kirk (founded in the 17th century) is one of three ancient Old Town Kirks (churches).

**Paisley Close**, at first glance, appears unremarkable among Edinburgh's closes. But it has a more fascinating story than most. In 1861, the close was the site of a tragic tenement collapse that killed 35 people. During the attempts to rescue residents from the rubble, one young boy famously shouted, "heave awa' chaps, I'm no' dead yet". The boy's cry for help is recorded in a stone relief above the entrance to the close.

**Trunk's Close** is flanked by two of the Royal Mile's oldest buildings, **Moubray House** and **John Knox House**. Walk down

the ancient close to enter a beautiful public garden with a bust of renowned town planner Sir Patrick Geddes.

**Dunbar's Close** is easy to miss. Go through the archway to a public, 17th-century-style garden. Explore the large garden and enjoy the serenity before the next stop.

### 📍 STOP 6

#### THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Palace of Holyroodhouse sits on the ruins of the 1128 founded **Holyrood Abbey**. Home to the King when he visits Edinburgh, the palace is also famous for its relation to Bonnie Prince Charlie and Mary, Queen of Scots.

Arrive before the last entrance time to give yourself an hour for the self-guided audio tour of the palace.

We recommend **booking tickets in advance** to save a couple of quid. Use the toilets located in the Mews before you enter the palace. Visiting in the late afternoon is the ideal time to skip the crowds. Price: £22 in advance, £26 on the day. Hours: Nov-Mar 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Apr-Oct 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The last admission is 1.5 hours before closing time.

### 📍 STOP 7

#### DINNER: WHISKI BAR & RESTAURANT

Make the hike (stroll) back up the Royal Mile to just 100 meters shy of Tron Kirk for a Scottish dinner. Enjoy award-winning haggis, Scottish seafood, Scottish venison, and more. Chase it all down with one of

their 300 Scotch malt whiskies. They have lively Scottish live music every night, but it starts late. See their [music schedule](#) here.

This is the Old Town dinner and music experience you sought in Edinburgh. You deserve it after this big day of exploring the Capital.

Reservations are optional as they keep walk-in seating available. If it is the busy summer season, booking a table may be wise so you don't have to wait.



**Alternative:** [Tolbooth Tavern](#) is another great option without the walk back up the Royal Mile. Located in an old Tolbooth, the Tolbooth Tavern has been serving drinks and food for over 200 years. Enjoy the pub food and the ample selection of whiskies. Reservations are accepted.

A scenic view of Edinburgh, Scotland, featuring a stone building with a gabled roof and dormer windows on the left, a stone bridge over a river in the center, and a church spire in the background under a cloudy sky. The text 'EDINBURGH WAYFINDER ITINERARY' is overlaid in a white rounded rectangle, and 'QUICK HITS' is written in large white letters across the middle.

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# QUICK HITS

## QUICK HITS:

# WHERE TO STAY

Picking where to stay in Edinburgh can feel overwhelming. Here is a range of hotel price points in the popular and practical neighborhoods in which to stay in Edinburgh.

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## OLD TOWN

### **MOTEL ONE EDINBURGH-ROYAL\***:

This property is better than what you would expect from a "motel," but it offers excellent value. With lovely, clean rooms, great service, and an unbeatable location, this is a great place to make your home base on a budget.

**THE SCOTSMAN HOTEL\***: This hotel is rustic and historic on the outside but sleek and modern on the inside. Complete with a restaurant, bar, and even an in-house cinema, it has everything you need and then some.

**WILDE APARTHOTELS\***: The comforts of home with the convenience of a hotel. Choose from a studio to a 2-bedroom apartment and enjoy an inviting, laid-back atmosphere.

**THE WITCHERY\***: Settled in buildings dating back to the mid-1500s, this upscale gothic hotel sits just before the entrance to Edinburgh Castle. Everything here is 5-star, from the service and food to the ambiance.

**THE BALMORAL\***: This luxury hotel exudes elegance where New Town meets Old Town, next to Waverly Train Station. It is home to the landmark clocktower that looks up to Edinburgh Castle and Number One, a Michelin Guide-recognized restaurant.

## NEW TOWN

**IBIS STYLES EDINBURGH ST ANDREW SQUARE\***: This hotel has several locations. Its New Town hotel has an unassuming exterior that opens up into a colorful and well-decorated interior. The rooms here are on the small side. They have a complimentary continental breakfast in the morning and wonderful staff.

**PREMIER INN:** Several locations around Edinburgh are solid options for a home base. They're reliable, clean, and affordable. We stayed at the Princes Street location and enjoyed it.

**TIGERLILY\*:** This 4-star Georgian hotel has 33 rooms, all thoughtfully decorated and fitted with king-sized beds. The hotel has a restaurant and bar on-site with good food.

**ANGEL'S SHARE\*:** This is a 4-star hotel that brings you comfort with a side of history. Each of the 31 rooms features an iconic Scot, including actors, musicians, and athletes. This brings a side of culture to your trip that you won't find on a visit to a castle.

**KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE\*:** At this 5-star luxury hotel, you'll find a beautiful spa, a fitness center, an indoor pool, and an on-site restaurant, Baba, which wins a spot in our Restaurants section.

**CHEVAL THE EDINBURGH GRAND APARTMENTS\*:** This luxury aparthotel has 50 apartments ranging from studios to 3 bedrooms. It is an excellent option for families and larger groups. The building, a bank until 2007, gives it character, making for a unique stay.

## STOCKBRIDGE

**THE RAEBURN\*:** Built in 1832, this old Georgian family home is now an upscale boutique hotel. This 4-star hotel has just ten rooms, so you'll have an exclusive and peaceful experience. There is a bar, restaurant, and even a library on site.

**NEW TOWN GUEST HOUSE:** Despite the name, this townhouse-turned-hotel is situated in Stockbridge, just outside New Town Edinburgh. It welcomes guests 13 and older.

**7 GLOUCESTER SQUARE\*:** Skip hotels and stay like a local in a vacation rental. This beautiful 3-bedroom stone house is an excellent option for groups of up to 5 who want to stay together.

## QUICK HITS:

# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation in Edinburgh is simple and affordable. Due to the size of the city center, the best way to get around is with your own two feet. If you're going a little further or have had your fill of walking, hop on a bus, tram, or hail a taxi.

This guide will give you everything you need to know with none of the fluff.

## EDINBURGH WAVERLY TRAIN STATION

Located in the heart of the city center, between New Town and Old Town, the largest train station in Scotland is the main point of entry for those visiting from London or other UK destinations. You will find numerous trains to take you into Edinburgh and trains out to explore more of Scotland. [Waverly Station](#) has luggage storage, cafes, shops, and car rental offices are located nearby.



## EDINBURGH AIRPORT

Located 30 minutes from the city center, [Edinburgh Airport](#) (code EDI) is the busiest airport in Scotland and flies to over 150 destinations worldwide. Besides taking a Taxi or Uber to and from the airport, there are convenient and cost-effective transport options.

[Airlink](#) is an airport shuttle bus that takes 30 minutes to go to the city center and runs 24/7. A trip costs £6, and a return ticket costs £8.50.

We prefer to take the [Edinburgh Tram](#) to and from the airport. The tram picks up or drops off on Princes Street and throughout Edinburgh all the way to Leith. Purchase tickets at the platform kiosks before you board. Luggage storage is onboard. The journey takes approximately 35 minutes to New Town and the trams leave every 10 minutes. £7.90 Adult single airport to the city center.

### BUS

Take in the sights from a double-decker bus in this highly connected city. Expect a single journey to cost about £2.20 per person (with a cap for Lothian of £5.50/day or £24.50/week).

[Lothian Buses](#) has more than 50 routes that cover all of Edinburgh and some surrounding areas. The bus system is straightforward; you can opt for paper tickets or a contactless card! Tap in on every journey with the same card, and you'll be charged the lowest rate for the trips you take with a daily and weekly maximum.

### TRAM

The primary use of the tram is to get to and from the airport or outer neighborhoods like Leith. Besides that, you'll be better off walking or catching the bus!

Tickets can be purchased at tram vending machines at each tram station with exact change or credit card. You can also purchase tram tickets through the Lothian Buses app, keeping your tickets in one place and more accessible. Learn more on the [Edinburgh Tram website](#).

### TAXIS

Like all major cities, taxis are abundant and will be pricier than a bus or tram ride. Taxis are metered; you should expect to pay about £10 to get around the city and £30-40 to get to/from the airport. Flag down a cab or use an app like [FREENOW](#) to take taxis around Edinburgh.

## QUICK HITS:

# BEST RESTAURANTS

Edinburgh has an incredible food scene, so you'll be hard-pressed to have a bad meal. We can't include every excellent recommendation, but you can rest assured that anything on this list will be satisfying!

## OLD TOWN

**MAISON BLEUE:** Serves up French, North African, and Scottish cuisine in a romantic, retro environment. **(V, GF)**

**MAKAR'S MASH:** Locals highly recommend Makar's Mash for its Scottish cuisine. Serves Lion's Mane Mushrooms grown in-house **(V, GF)**

**SCRAN BISTRO:** A great stop for breakfast with two locations in Old Town (no reservations needed) and one in New Town (which recommends reservations). **(V)**

**OINK:** A small chain specializing in pulled pork sandwiches. They have a serious fanbase and consistently deliver.

**THE SCOTCH WHISKY EXPERIENCE:** Book the ever-popular whisky tasting with or without food pairings. They have a restaurant you can enjoy without going on a tour. **(R, V)**

**WHISKI BAR & RESTAURANT:** Whisky and classic Scottish dishes are on the menu at this highly-rated restaurant. With live music every night, the ambiance here is perfect, and you don't need a reservation. **(V, GF)**

**TIMBERYARD:** A family-owned Michelin Star British restaurant in an old 19th-century warehouse. **(R, V)**

**KANPAI SUSHI:** A Japanese restaurant near Edinburgh Castle. **(V)**

**TUPINIQUIM BRASIL CREPES:** A crepe stand with character, known for their Green Police Box and delicious gluten-free sweet or savory crepes. **(V, GF)**

**THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE:** Well-known and sometimes challenging to get into, the seasonal Scottish fare will be worth any trouble. **(V, R)**

**HOWIES:** Also serving seasonal Scottish fare, this restaurant has a few locations to choose from and won't disappoint. BYOB is allowed with a corkage fee on weekdays. **(R)**

**BERTIE'S PROPER FISH & CHIPS:** A great spot for classic fish & chips. It's always busy, but it's worth the wait! It is located on iconic Victoria Street off the Royal Mile. They even have vegan fish & chips and gluten-free options. Reservations are available but not necessary. **(V, GF)**

*R: Reservations recommended or required V: Vegan and vegetarian options GF: Gluten free options*

### NEW TOWN

**THE VOODOO ROOMS:** A stunning restaurant and bar with live music and an eclectic menu. **(V, GF)**

**DOWN THE HATCH:** Enjoy Canadian comfort food with great wings and burgers. Cashless **(V)**

**JOHNNIE WALKER:** The whisky experience of New Town Edinburgh. Book a tour or enjoy the rooftop bar. **(R)**

**BABA:** A Mediterranean cocktail bar that is excellent for groups with plates made for sharing. **(V)**

**TILES BAR:** Classic pub fare with a Scottish touch. It has a uniquely tiled interior and a great view from the outdoor seating. **(V, GF)**

**KA PAO:** Well-priced Asian cuisine with excellent staff and atmosphere. **(V)**

### STOCKBRIDGE

**THE SCRAN AND SCALLIE:** This Michelin Bib pub comes from a multi-Michelin Star chef! You can expect great food for great prices here. **(V)**

**THE PANTRY:** Open for breakfast, brunch, and lunch; the eggs benedict and avocado toast are the talk of the town. **(V, GF)**

**PATISSERIE FLORENTIN:** A cozy cafe that features the works of local artists.

**HECTOR'S:** An all-day pub serving up Scottish classics and plenty of pie! **(V)**

**NOK'S KITCHEN:** Nok's serves traditional Thai food in a romantic setting. **(V)**

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QUICK HITS:

# FAVORITE TOURS

We are big fans of local, guided tours. Booking at least one will add insights, history, and local color to your trip to Edinburgh. On every trip, we go on a few tours to vet them for our [Tours and Activities Directory](#). See below for a short list of our favorite Edinburgh tours.



## GHOST TOUR

If you want something a little off (or under) the beaten path, this Underground Vaults Walking Tour is for you. It takes you through a network of 18th-century underground passageways and vaults filled with spooky stories.

› [Click here to learn more about their tours.](#)

Do you prefer to get scared above ground? This Evening Mystery Walking Tour will deliver creepy stories of madness, witch trials, local monsters, and urban legends.

› [Click here to learn more about their tours.](#)



## EDINBURGH CASTLE TOUR

Get entry and more insight into one of Scotland's most famous attractions. This 1.5-hour walking tour will take you from the Royal Mile into the castle as you take a walk through history. We love this tour for the animated tour guides and colorful stories. Plus, when castle tickets are sold out, they will be available with this tour!

› [Click here to learn more about their tours.](#)



### THE REAL MARY KING'S CLOSE

Experience 400 years of history as told by one of the characters from the true story. Head underground via Mary King's Close (aka alleyway) and explore the residences and shops of this once-lively area just below the Royal Mile.

› [Click here to learn more about their tours.](#)



### HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS OF THE ROYAL MILE

See this famous road through a historical lens with a professional guide in a small group. This Royal Mile Walking Tour will take you to the most famous sites along this stretch.

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