

# Guidebook

We don't just want you to enjoy your time in Edinburgh, we want you to love it. That's why we've put together this short guide to Edinburgh. We hope it'll help you get the most out of your time here.

## Places to Eat & Drink:-

The Royal Mile has such a diverse range of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and deli's that there is something to suit just about anyone's taste. If it is chic, fine Scottish dining you are looking for, then you may want to try out Angels with Bagpipes or The Grain Store; if it's a relaxing dram or glass of wine then you may want to try the Deacon Brodies Tavern or The Albanach. Below is just a small list of the many places to eat and drink on the Royal Mile.

### ***Deacon Brodie's Tavern***

435 Lawnmarket The Royal Mile, EH1 2NT.

Tel: 0131 225 6531

Open 10:00-00:00, 7 days

Description: Tavern with a rich history serving hearty classic British dishes and cask ales.

### ***The Albanach***

197 High St, Royal Mile Edinburgh EH1 1PE

Tel: 0131 220 5277

Open 10:00-01:00, 7 Days

Description: Convivial whisky bar & Scottish eatery

### ***Angels with Bagpipes***

343 High St, Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH1 1PW

Tel: 0131 220 1111

Open: 12:00-22:00, 7 Days

Description: Chic, romantic, fine Scottish dining

### ***The Grain Store Restaurant***

30 Victoria St, Old Town, Edinburgh EH1 2JW

Tel: 0131 225 7635

Open: 12:00-14:00 & 18:00-22:00, 7 Days

Description: Storeroom setting for novel Scots dining

### ***The Witchery***

Castlehill, Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH1 2NF

Tel: 0131 225 5613

Open: 12:00-23:30, 7 Days

Description: Scottish fine dining landmark, showcasing the best Scottish produce

### ***Clarinda's Tearoom***

69 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH8 8BS  
Tel: 0131 557 1888  
Open: 10:00-16:30, 7 days  
Description: Traditional café for cakes and light bites  
(this is almost literally below the apartment, and is recommended)

### ***The Edinburgh Larder***

15 Blackfriars St, Edinburgh EH1 1NB  
Tel: 0131 556 6922  
Open: 08:00-17:00, 7 Days  
Description: Relaxed cafe with a deli counter for artisan coffee, and Scottish produce for breakfast and lunch.

## **Getting about Edinburgh**

If you want to explore further than the Royal Mile you can take a variety of various transport although walking will allow you to explore all the nooks and crannies that Edinburgh has to offer. Please find below details for various transport providers for Edinburgh.

Company: City Cabs Ltd  
Website: [www.citycabs.co.uk](http://www.citycabs.co.uk)  
Telephone: 0131 228 1211

Company: Lothian Buses & Trams  
Website: [www.lothianbuses.com](http://www.lothianbuses.com)  
Telephone: 0131 554 4494

Company: Central Taxis  
Website: [www.taxis-edinburgh.co.uk](http://www.taxis-edinburgh.co.uk)  
Telephone: 0131 229 2468

Uber is available in Edinburgh

If you do choose to walk around Edinburgh there are a variety of sights and attractions you will not want to miss. We have highlighted a popular top 5 out of countless more.

#### **1. Arthurs Seat and Holyrood Park.** (a few minutes walk from the apartment)

What to see and do

- Climb Arthur's Seat (251m) for 360-degree views of Edinburgh and the Lothians
- Take in the free exhibition about the park's history, geology and archaeology at Holyrood Lodge Information Centre
- Walk Sir Walter Scott's Radical Road, the track that hugs the cliffs beneath the Salisbury Crags
- Visit St Anthony's Chapel, a picturesque medieval ruin

## 2. **The Edinburgh Royal Botanical Gardens**

Information:-

- Manicured 70-acre gardens with palm house and temporary exhibitions, kids' events and tours.
- Address: Arboretum Place, Edinburgh EH3 5NZ
- Website: [www.rbge.org.uk](http://www.rbge.org.uk)
- Telephone: 0131 248 2909

## 3. **Calton Hill** (clearly visible from the apartment balcony)

Information:-

This is a great place for a walk in Edinburgh. A walk up to the top offers fantastic 360 degree views of Edinburgh. You can also go up the Nelson Monument (small admission charge). Calton Hill is a hill in central Edinburgh, just to the east of the New Town and is included in the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site. It offers some of the best views of the city. The hill also houses several iconic monuments and buildings including the National Monument, the Dugald Stewart Monument, Nelson's Monument, the Old Royal High School, the Robert Burns Monument, the Political Martyrs' monument and the City Observatory.

## 4. **Edinburgh Castle**

Information:-

Edinburgh Castle is a world famous icon of Scotland and part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site. This most famous of Scottish castles has a complex building history. The oldest part, St Margaret's Chapel, dates from the 12th century; the Great Hall was erected by James IV around 1510; the Half Moon Battery by the Regent Morton in the late 16th century; and the Scottish National War Memorial after the First World War.

- Address: Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NG
- Opening Hours: 0930 -1700 Monday – Sunday
- Website: [www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk](http://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk)

## 5. **Scott Monument**

Information:-

The Scott Monument is the largest monument to a writer in the world. It commemorates Sir Walter Scott. There are 287 steps to the top of the Scott Monument, from where you can enjoy breathtaking views of Edinburgh and the surrounding countryside.

- Address: E. Princes St Gardens, Edinburgh EH2 2EJ
- Opening Hours: 1000 – 1900 Monday – Sunday
- Website: <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venues/scott-monument>