



Edinburgh

“Capital of Scotland”

Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It has a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials.

As a capital city, Edinburgh is a year round destination with so much to see and do. As with all of Scotland, the best times to visit, avoiding the crowds, are mid March to late June and early September through October. Unless you are visiting to specifically attend one of the many events of the Edinburgh International Festival, it is best to avoid the month of August.

With its easterly exposure to the North Sea, winters can be cold and windy, hence the city's nick name “Auld Reekie”. There are however several indoor attractions and a regular program of festivals and fairs, including the famous Hogmanay Street Party” on New Year's Eve.

Car parking is a nightmare, and expensive, in the city center, so do not select a central hotel if self driving, There is a great selection of accommodation in the near suburbs with good local transport.



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| 1. | Arthur's Seat | 6. | Edinburgh Castle |
| 2. | Botanic Garden | 7. | National Museum of Scotland |
| 3. | Britannia (Royal Yacht) | 8. | Palace of Holyrood House |
| 4. | Calton Hill | 9. | Royal Mile |
| 5. | Camera Obscura | 10. | Scotch Whisky Experience |

1. Arthur's Seat

Located in Holyrood Park and dominated with the Salisbury Crags. Walkers are rewarded with magnificent views over the city on reaching the top.



2. Botanic Garden

One of the world's leading botanic gardens. Discover a 350 year history, learn about its plantings and walk round 70 acres of landscape and admire the city's skyline.



3. HMY Britannia

Britain's "Best Attraction in 2020". The Queen's floating palace for 40 years. Follow in the footsteps of Royalty to discover this special Royal residence.



4. Calton Hill

A World Heritage site, home to the National Monument, the Nelson Monument and the City Observatory. Not forgetting the panoramic views over the city.



5. Camera Obscura

Located on the top floor of the World of Illusions on the approach to the Castle. Built 150 years ago, it has grown to become the city's first purpose built attraction.



6. Edinburgh Castle

Dominating the city center skyline, one of the most exciting historic sites in Western Europe. It is sure to capture your imagination. The scenery will take your breath away.



7. National Museum

One of the 4 National Museums across central Scotland. Depicts



Scottish life through the centuries. Also the National War Museum in the Castle

8. Palace of Holyrood House

The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Explore the association with Scotland's historical figures, Mary Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie and how it is used by the Queen today.



9. The Royal Mile

Edinburgh's High Street, a walking street, leads from the Castle to the Palace, featuring a plethora of historic buildings, museums, monuments, churches and legends. Best discovered on one of our guided walking tours.



10. Scotch Whisky Experience

Located on Castle Hill, near the esplanade. Select from one of the 4 tour options – ranging from 1 to 4 hours - then sample a dram while viewing the "Collection" of almost 4000 bottles of whisky.

