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Scotland's enchanting capital of Edinburgh is a city of striking contrasts. Perched dramatically on an extinct volcano, the world-famous Edinburgh Castle is visible from almost any point in the city, a constant reminder of Edinburgh's long and fascinating history. As you explore the city's striking architecture, tranquil green spaces and exciting attractions, you will soon understand why it has served as inspiration for so many authors and poets.



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THE CITY



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Located on the southern shore of the Firth of Forth, Edinburgh has been the capital of Scotland since 1492.

Edinburgh still breathes the spirit of its past, with its streets running through town like scars of distant memories. The most significant is probably the Royal Mile, which goes right through the Old Town and ends at The Palace of Holyroodhouse, once home to Mary, Queen of Scots and now the British Royal Family's official Scottish residence.

On both sides of this famous street lays the unique combination of the cobbled streets and narrow lanes of the Old Town and the elegant Georgian grandeur of the neoclassic New Town. This blend makes Edinburgh's historical centre so peculiar, described by many as one of the most beautiful cityscapes in the world. The Old and New Towns of Edinburgh became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995.

DO & SEE



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Laid among many hills, Edinburgh is a historical and cultural city marked by Medieval and Georgian influences, from the small crooked streets of the Old Town to the gardens and neoclassical buildings of the New Town. On the top of the city lies the Edinburgh Castle, where past rulers took up their quarters and where you can find both the Country Crown's jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used for coronations.

Old Town



The Old Town is Edinburgh's oldest neighbourhood and is filled with historic monuments, narrow streets, and lovely shops and pubs with tons of personality. Its charming architecture and its rich history will leave you in awe.

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Address: Old Town, Edinburgh

Edinburgh Castle



Towering majestically over the city, this iconic and fascinating castle serves three main roles: royal palace, historic fortress, and war museum. Check out the Scottish Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny, and medieval bombard Mons Meg, and end your visit admiring the stunning view over the city.

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Address: Castlehill, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +44 131 225 9846
Internet: www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk

Camera Obscura & World of Illusions



Camera Obscura & World of Illusions features five floors of optical illusions that anyone can get immersed in. Get lost in a mirror room or challenge your balance in the vortex tunnel, you can take fun for granted.

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Address: Castlehill The Royal Mile, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9am-10pm
Phone: +44 131 226 3709
Internet: www.camera-obscura.co.uk
Email: info@camera-obscura.co.uk

Rosslyn Chapel

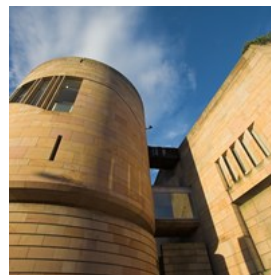


For a mysterious journey through Scotland's myths and legends, head over to Rosslyn Chapel, a magnificent chapel feature in Dan Brown's "Da Vinci Code". Hear the intriguing tales behind

Rosslyn's beautiful ornate carvings before taking a peaceful walk along Roslin Glen Country Park.

Photo: Misty River / Shutterstock.com
Address: Chapel Loan, Roslin, Midlothian
Phone: +44 131 440 2159
Internet: www.rosslynchapel.com
More Info: 10 kilometres south of Edinburgh

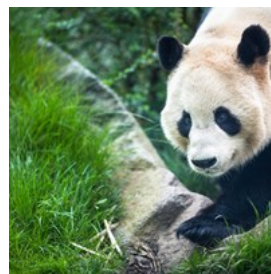
National Museum of Scotland



The National Museum of Scotland offers a one-of-a-kind adventure for all history enthusiasts. In their galleries, you will come across ancient Egyptian mummies, the skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and specimens collected by Charles Darwin. Keep an eye out on the temporary exhibitions as well.

Photo: Heartland Arts / Shutterstock.com
Address: Chambers St, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-5pm
Phone: +44 300 123 6789
Internet: www.nms.ac.uk
Email: info@nms.ac.uk

Edinburgh Zoo



Explore the lives of over 1,000 animal species from all over the world. Watch giant pandas, big cats, penguins and other birds, or take part in some of interactive activities offered by this non-profit zoological park. Don't miss out on the Edinburgh Zoo gardens, a lush paradise with countless exotic flowers and plants.

Photo: l i g h t p o e t / Shutterstock.com
Address: 134 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 334 9171
Internet: www.edinburghzoo.org.uk
Email: webofficer@rzss.org.uk

Scottish Parliament Building



The Scottish Parliament is located within the Holyrood area, overseen by the Royal Mile. The building has won awards for its striking architecture. It's the place to learn about Scotland's political history, watch live debates, and admire its unique architecture. If you want to watch the members of the Scottish Parliament in action, you need to book a free of charge ticket beforehand.

Photo: Cristapper / Shutterstock.com
Address: The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–5pm
Phone: +44 131 348 5000
Internet: www.scottish.parliament.uk
Email: sp.info@parliament.scot

Mountain Biking



Escape the city and watch the beautiful Scottish scenery from a bike. You can start your trip from the Edinburgh city centre, and there are paths for all fitness levels with colour codes which are easy to follow. One of the best areas for off-road cycling is the Pentland Hills Regional Park, just outside Edinburgh. If you don't have a bike with you, you can rent one in one of the many shops around the city.

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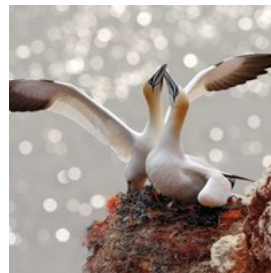
Palace of Holyroodhouse



With some parts built on the 16th century, this is truly a magnificent royal building. The official residence of the British monarch Queen Elizabeth II in Scotland, this is definitely a must-visit for any history enthusiast.

Photo: JeniFoto / Shutterstock.com
Address: Canongate, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun–Sat 9:30am–6pm
Phone: +44 303 123 7306
Internet: www.royalcollection.org.uk
Email: social@royalcollection.org.uk

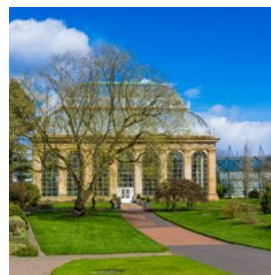
Scottish Seabird Centre



Walk through the Scottish Seabird Centre and have a real wildlife experience. The knowledgeable staff will guide you and offer presentations while you admire the sea birds and mammals around you. Featuring plenty of kids attractions as well, no one will feel left behind.

Photo: Ondrej Prosicky / Shutterstock.com
Address: The Harbour, North Berwick, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun–Sat 10am–6pm
Phone: +44 1620 890202
Internet: www.seabird.org
Email: info@seabird.org

Royal Botanic Garden



There are many beautiful parks and gardens in Edinburgh, but the Royal Botanic Garden stands out among all of them. With 70 acres of beautiful gardens, it is one of the world's largest living

collections of plants. Founded in 1670, it is truly an Edinburgh's landmark.

Photo: themorningglory / Shutterstock.com

Address: Arboretum Pl, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 248 2909

Internet: www.rbge.org.uk

Email: info@rbge.org.uk

The Edinburgh Dungeon



Enter the Edinburgh Dungeon and experience 500 years of Scotland's darkest history, presented with theatrical actors, storytelling,

special effects, scenes and stages. The bravest ones can also hop on one of the two scary rides. Tours leave every 10 minutes.

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Address: 31 Market St, Edinburgh

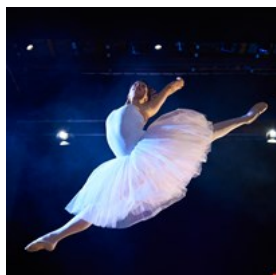
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-5pm

Phone: +44 871 663 1672

Internet: www.the-dungeons.co.uk

Email: edinburgh.dungeon@merlinentertainments.biz

Festival Theatre



Along with the King's Theatre, the Festival Theatre is one of the top venues in Edinburgh for performing arts. You can simply admire its modern

architecture, but coming in an or opera or a ballet show is well worth it.

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Address: 13-29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 529 6000

Internet: www.edtheatres.com

Email: marketing@edtheatres.com

Gilmerton Cove



Gilmerton Cove is Edinburgh's secret network of underground tunnels. Discover the hand-carved passage ways hidden under the

streets of Gilmerton, an ex-mining village in southeastern Edinburgh. This place has remained a mystery to visitors and archaeologists alike for over 300 years.

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Address: 16 Drum St, Edinburgh

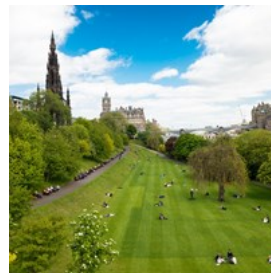
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-12pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 7914 829177

Internet: gilmertoncove.co.uk

Email: info@gilmertoncove.org.uk

Princes Street Gardens



Right in the heart of Edinburgh, you will come across an enormous piece of nature, a spot for relaxation that offers some of the greatest

sights over Edinburgh—the Princes Street Gardens. Head over to the gardens for a relaxing picnic during the afternoon or simply for a refreshing walk, you certainly won't regret it.

Photo: Pablo Rogat / Shutterstock.com

Address: Princes St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 7am-10pm

Phone: +44 131 529 7921

Arthur's Seat



Arthur's seat, is an ancient volcano which forms most of Holyrood Park. With its highest point standing at an elevation of 251 meters,

it is a popular hiking spot for both tourists and locals alike, you will understand why as soon as you reach the summit—the panoramic views over the city are simply breathtaking.

Photo: Kalmatsuy / Shutterstock.com

Address: Holyrood Park, Edinburgh

Royal Yacht Britannia



Explore this fantastic floating museum docked in Edinburgh's historic port of Leith. Get a glimpse at the life of the British Royal Family

before enjoying a tea in the Royal Deck Tea Room, you will certainly have a royal experience.

Photo: Mossy Carey / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Ocean Terminal, Leith, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +44 131 555 5566

Internet: www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk

Email: enquiries@tryb.co.uk

DINING



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Edinburgh is the perfect city to have a dinner night out, with a spectacular variety of restaurants serving mouth-watering cuisine in vibrant atmospheres. Whether you are looking for Michelin-starred dining, hearty Scottish bites, or food from all around the globe, you'll certainly find delicious dishes for every taste and

budget.

Contini Ristorante



Contini Ristorante serves all the classic Italian dishes and specialties with an innovative twist. When going through the menu, look out for the fresh fish dishes, delicious Italian wines, and make sure you have room for a dessert, such as the heavenly tiramisu.

Photo: svariophoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: 103 George Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-10pm, Sat 10am-10:30pm, Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +44 131 225 1550

Internet: www.contini.com

Britannia Spice



Britannia Spice is an award-winning restaurant offering the best food from Bangladesh, northern India, Thailand, and Nepal. Besides its outstanding dishes, its location is just perfect—it is located situated in Leith, facing The Royal Yacht Britannia.

Photo: xegxef / Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 150 Commercial Street Ocean Drive, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:15pm-1:45pm 5-11pm, Sun 5pm-11pm

Phone: +44 131 555 2255

Internet: www.britanniaspice.co.uk

Number One



Since its opening in 2005, this fine dining restaurant has won several awards, including a Michelin star. The restaurant is located in the five-star Balmoral

Hotel, boasting a pretty sophisticated environment.

Photo: Andrey Bayda / Shutterstock.com

Address: The Balmoral, 1 Princes St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 6pm-10pm

Phone: +44 131 557 6727

Internet: www.roccofortehotels.com/hotels-and-resorts/the-balmoral-hotel/restaurants-and-bars/number-one/

Mussel Inn



Located right in the heart of the city, the Mussel Inn is a favourite among locals and visitors alike.

The restaurant is praised for its carefully-prepared

seafood and fish dishes, prepared only with the freshest catches from Scottish seas, keeping everything local and yummy.

Photo: karelnoppe / Shutterstock.com

Address: 61-65 Rose Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-10pm, Sun 12:30pm-10pm

Phone: +44 843 289 2481

Internet: www.mussel-inn.com

Email: info@mussel-inn.com

The Holyrood 9A



Craving a delicious burger and a cold beer? If so, Holyrood 9A is the place to go. Right in the heart of Edinburgh's old town, this cosy pub offers

a menu full of tasty burgers and ales and craft

beers from all around the world.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com

Address: 9A Holyrood Rd, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 9am-12am

Phone: +44 131 556 5044

Internet: www.theholyrood.co.uk

Kanpai Sushi



Whether you choose to sit at the open kitchen counter or in the dining room, you will be served the best traditional Japanese dishes

including, but not limited to, sushi and tempura.

Fun fact: Kanpai is the Japanese expression for "cheers", something you will hear frequently in this place.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik / Shutterstock.com

Address: 8-10 Grindlay Street, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 12pm-2:30pm 5pm-10:30pm, Friday

12pm-2:30pm 5pm-11pm, Sat-Sun 12-3pm 5-11pm

Phone: +44 131 228 1602

Internet: www.kanpaisushi.co.uk

Passorn



This is a top-notch Thai restaurant that puts the emphasis on authenticity, with Thai chefs in the kitchen and the best Thai cuisine on the menu.

"Passorn" means Angel, and their service is truly celestial. The restaurant has also received several distinctions including the "Bib Gourmand" in the Michelin guide for 2015-16.

Photo: cattalin / Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 23-23a Brougham Place, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon 5:30pm-11pm, Tue-Sat 12:30pm-3pm

5:30pm-11pm, Sun 12pm-2:30pm

Phone: +44 131 229 1537

Internet: www.passornthai.com
Email: info@passornthai.com

Wildfire



Wildfire is a family-owned Scottish steak and seafood bistro. They focus on carefully sourced Aberdeen Angus beef and Scottish seafood, offering

some of the finest Scottish cheeses as well. Wildfire is the perfect place to get to know Scottish gastronomy.

Photo: Atosan / Shutterstock.com
Address: 192 Rose Street, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon 5:15-10pm, Tue-Fri 12pm-3pm 5:15pm-11pm, Satp 5:15-10pm, Sun 12-3pm 5:15-11pm
Phone: +44 131 225 3636
Internet: www.wildfirerestaurant.co.uk
Email: wildfire.restaurant.edinburgh@gmail.com

Locanda De Gusti



Locanda De Gusti will offer you contemporary Southern Italian dishes that go way beyond the typical Italian pasta dishes. Their pasta and

savoury desserts are gluten-free.

Photo: Marian Weyo / Shutterstock.com
Address: 102 Dalry Road, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 5:30pm-10pm, Thu-Sat 12:30pm-3pm 5:30pm-10pm
Phone: +44 131 346 8800
Internet: www.locandadegusti.com
Email: locandadegusti@gmail.com

Restaurant Martin Wishart

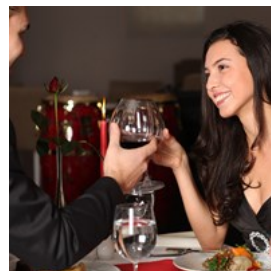


Treat yourself some fine French cuisine at this elegant, Michelin-starred restaurant where the skillful chefs utilise the finest Scottish produce.

Opened in 1999, Restaurant Martin Wishart is a sophisticated restaurant that overlooks the beautiful waters of the Leith and has grown to be a must-try in Edinburgh.

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com
Address: 54 Shore, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 12pm-1:30pm 7pm-9pm, Fri-Sat 12pm-1:30pm 6:30pm-9:30pm
Phone: +44 131 553 3557
Internet: restaurantmartinwishart.co.uk
Email: info@martin-wishart.co.uk

The Witchery by the Castle



For a classic yet imaginative menu featuring the very best of Scottish produce, look no further than this award-winning restaurant

right by the gates of Edinburgh Castle. Dishes at this restaurant are pieces of culinary art and are served in a historical, intimate setting.

Photo: ESLINE / Shutterstock.com
Address: Castlehill, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 12-11:30pm
Phone: +44 131 225 5613
Internet: www.thewitchery.com
Email: reservations@thewitchery.com

CAFES



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Slip in best-selling author JK Rowling's shoes and let your imagination flow as she did while sipping on a good cup of coffee in one of Edinburgh's charming coffee shops. Whether you want to try your coffee with scotch (you have a good excuse: it is local!) or just enjoy a piece of pie, Edinburgh has it all. The wonderful array of cafes that are scattered around the town are the perfect spots where to relax your feet or escape from the rain.

Elephant House



This much-loved Edinburgh institution named after the 600 elephants in all shapes and sizes decorating its walls (unless it is the other way around) serves coffee and tea from all corners of the earth. Take a seat in the back room to enjoy a magical view over Edinburgh Castle: you will soon find out why this place is popular among writers. JK Rowling wrote her Harry Potter series at this very establishment.

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Address: 21 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

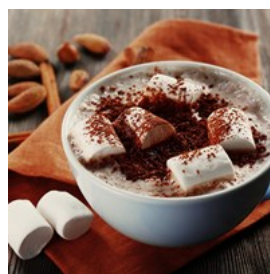
Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 08:00 - 22:00 (until 23:00 on Fridays), Saturday: 09:00 - 23:00, Sunday: 09:00 - 22:00

Phone: +44 131 220 5355

Internet: www.elephanthouse.biz

Email: contact@elephanthouse.biz

The Marshmallow Lady



Claiming to be the "first Gourmet Marshmallow Shop", this place sells one-of-a-kind homemade treats made with love and local ingredients. Are you adventurous enough to taste the beer-flavoured marshmallow? If not, you may find the chocolate mousse flavour more appealing - there is something for every taste.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Rodney St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +44 7843 699790

Internet: www.themarshmallowlady.com

Casa Amiga



In Casa Amiga you can either sample delicious sweet delicacies on location or choose to take away. This Portuguese bake house and coffee shop is the place to visit for an excellent coffee and homemade cakes baked to perfection. There are also Portuguese beers and liqueurs available if you are in the mood for more.

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Address: 294 Leith Walk, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 08:00 - 18:00, Sunday: 09:00 - 18:00

Phone: +44 131 467 5664

Email: info@casa-amiga.com

Brew Lab Coffee



Before opening Brew Lab, its owners took four years to think through what they really wanted to do with the place. The result is a success: a great spot

to have a cosy cup of Joe - whether you like it filter, espresso or cold-brewed.

Photo: baranq / Shutterstock.com

Address: 6-8 S College St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 08:00 - 18:00,

Saturday-Sunday: 09:00 - 18:00

Phone: +44 131 662 8963

Internet: www.brewlabcoffee.co.uk

Email: info@brewlabcoffee.co.uk

Union of Genius



On a chilly day in Edinburgh, you might find yourself dreaming of a hot beverage but also feeling hungry: Union of Genius is the answer to

all your prayers. In this charming little place you can eat some of the best soups in existence (and most are gluten-free), accompanied by local artisan bread, cakes, salads and tea or coffee coming from neighbouring shops.

Photo: Jane Rix / Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Forrest Rd, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 08:45 - 16:00, Saturday: 12:00 - 16:00. Closed on Sundays.

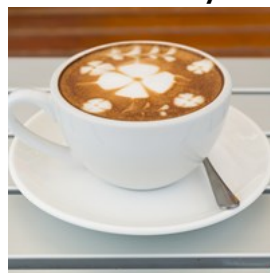
Phone: +44 131 226 4436

Internet: www.unionofgenius.com

Email: care@unionofgenius.com

More Info: Cash Only. Gluten Free friendly.

Dovecot Cafe by Leo's



Dovecot Studio is an Art and performance venue, hosting regular exhibitions of art and craftsmanship over various subjects. It is also

home to a great cafe where the attentive staff serves freshly prepared sandwiches, soups, salads and other yummy dishes including crispy pastries. If you hesitate between the different coffees, a suggestion is the Artisan Roast espresso.

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Address: Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmery St, Edinburgh

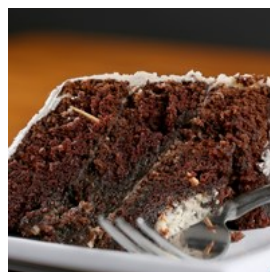
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 10:30 - 17:30. Closed on Sundays.

Phone: +44 131 550 3660

Internet: www.dovecotstudios.com

Email: info@dovecotstudios.com

Lovecrumbs



If you are passionate about sweets and cakes, come and join Holly, the baker genius behind Lovecrumbs. Teas, coffees and

heart-warming hot chocolate are also on the menu and the place is definitely a celebration of one's love for sweetness and pastries.

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Address: 155 West Port, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 09:00 - 18:00, Sunday: 12:00 - 18:00

Phone: +44 131 629 0626

Internet: www.lovecrumbs.co.uk

Email: yoohoo@lovecrumbs.co.uk

Mary's Milk Bar



In Edinburgh, there is a place for the sweet-tooth and the history lover, the gelato-addict and the photographer: this place is Mary's Milk bar.

Gorgeous ice creams, intense hot chocolates, sweet treats and a breathtaking view over the Edinburgh Castle: what more could one possibly want?

Photo: MaraZe / Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Grassmarket, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Tuesday-Wednesday: 11:00 - 18:00,

Thursday-Saturday: 11:00 - 19:00, Sunday: 12:00 - 19:00.

Closed on Mondays.

Internet: www.marysmilkbar.com

Email: hello@marysmilkbar.com

Mimi's Bakehouse



For Mimi, baking is an art form, and she loves to experiment and come up with exciting new recipes and an example of this inventive energy is the

chocolate beetroot cake. This family-run business has been awarded Scottish Craft Baker of the Year several times. Are you in for an original and yummy afternoon tea?

Photo: skeeze / Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 63 Shore, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 09:00 - 17:00,

Saturday-Sunday: 09:00 - 18:00

Phone: +44 131 555 5908

Internet: www.mimisbakehouse.com

Email: info@mimisbakehouse.com

Eteaket



This quirky tea boutique in Edinburgh's classy New Town is the perfect place to enjoy a classic afternoon tea. Eteaket will please even the

pickiest tea-addicts and you can choose from their extensive range of teas, sourced responsibly from around the world.

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Address: 41 Frederick Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 226 2982

Internet: www.eteaket.co.uk

Email: hello@eteaket.co.uk

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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From traditional pubs offering real ales and leafy beer gardens to upmarket cocktail bars, Edinburgh's bars and pubs are second to none. This thriving, modern capital city is as renowned for its nightlife as its history, so whether you're looking for top comedy, a traditional ceilidh - a Gaelic gathering with folk music and dancing-, or an unforgettable club night, you are sure to find it here.

Join the student crowd in Cowgate, drink whisky in upper-market George Street or head to the more raffish Lothian road: the choice is yours!

The Bongo Club



A real institution in Edinburgh's music, performance and general underground scene. Since 1996 this cult nightclub and live music venue has specialised in offbeat club nights and presented new talents. It is a very non-traditional place. Check their website to see upcoming gigs!

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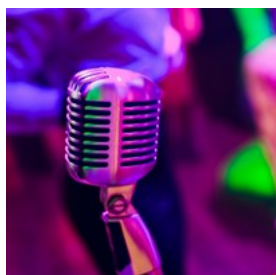
Address: 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 558 8844

Internet: www.thebongoclub.co.uk

Email: andy@thebongoclub.co.uk

The Stand Comedy Club



Stand-up comedy fans will love this relaxed basement venue, the best place in town to see local, national and international comedians. The club is open seven days a week and there is always something fun going on. Don't miss Sunday lunch when the scene is open for anyone!

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Address: 5 York Pl, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 19:30 - 00:00, Sunday:

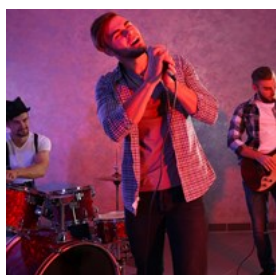
12:30 - 15:30, 19:30 - 00:00

Phone: +44 131 558 7272

Internet: www.thestand.co.uk

Email: admin@thestand.co.uk

The Voodoo Rooms



This award-winning bar is located in central Edinburgh and is a hot spot when it comes to the vibrant music scene in the city. They have a

great selection of rum, tequila and delicious cocktails including food, so give it a try and get ready to spend an awesome night out!

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 19a W Register St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 16:00 - 01:00,

Friday-Sunday: 12:00 - 01:00

Phone: +44 131 556 7060

Internet: www.thevoodooorooms.com

Email: info@thevoodooorooms.com

Tigerlily



An after-work on a Friday is a great way to feel like a true local, and this hip bar/restaurant is the spot to make sure you're part of the crowd. The DJ has a special way to ease you into the weekend, and if you are in a party mood, Tigerlily is a great first stop for a wild night out!

Photo: Yeko Photo Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 125 George St, Edinburgh

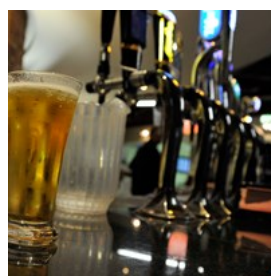
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 07:00 - 01:00

Phone: +44 131 225 5005

Internet: www.tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk

Email: reception@tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk

Frankenstein Pub



Frankenstein Pub sure knows how to party. Not only do they host the biggest karaoke nights and other special events such as Full Moon Show and Rocky Horror nights, but they gather all the true sports fans by showing all the major sporting events and where the DJ takes requests via Twitter. The play black and white Frankenstein movies outside of special events.

Photo: Sharkshock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 12:00 - 01:00,
Friday-Sunday: 12:00 - 02:00
Phone: +44 131 622 1818
Internet: www.frankensteinedinburgh.co.uk
Email: manager@frankensteinedinburgh.co.uk

Roseleaf Bar



This family-run bar is located in the beautiful historic Port 'o Leith. They have everything from hearty dishes to cocktails in teapots and, of course, ice cold delicious pints that will be served in a lovely bar where the vintage furniture creates a magical atmosphere!

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com
Address: 23/24 Sandport Pl, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 - 01:00
Phone: +44 131 476 5268
Internet: www.roseleaf.co.uk
Email: info@roseleaf.co.uk

Dragonfly



If cocktails are your cup of tea, head to the Dragonfly. They have an extensive cocktail menu with a big variety of spirits mixed with fresh juice and fruit infused alcohols: this is definitely the paradise of every cocktail-lover out there! Wines are also on the menu.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii / Shutterstock.com
Address: 52 W Port, Old Town, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 16:00 - 01:00
Phone: +44 131 228 4543
Internet: www.dragonflycocktailbar.com
Email: info@dragonflycocktailbar.com

Bailie Bar



Bailie Bar takes particular pride in their cask ale that first and fore most comes from Scottish brewers. Come here early for a juicy burger or yummy stuffed chicken before taking a second glance at the drink menu!

Bailie Bar is also the place to catch a game or watch live music on Fridays.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2-4 St Stephen St, Edinburgh
Phone: +44 131 225 4673
Internet: www.thebailiebar.co.uk

52 Canoes



52 Canoes is the kind of bar that truly comes to life on weekends. The atmosphere is described as "urban beach hut vibe" and, of course, the fun and fruity cocktails are at the centre of the attention! You can also come in for lunch, coffee, dinner (Polynesian is on the menu)... So walk in for the best Tiki experience available up north!

Photo: aaabbbccc / Shutterstock.com
Address: 13 Melville Pl, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Wednesday-Saturday: 17:00 - 01:00. Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays.
Phone: +44 131 226 4732
Email: 52canoes@gmail.com

Epicurean



Located on the ground floor of G&V Royal Mile Hotel Edinburgh, Epicurean is a stylish and chic bar with an upbeat vibe. The colourful

cocktails are shaken and stirred by some of the best mixologists in town, prepared with fine Scottish and Mediterranean spirits as well as home grown flowers and herbs. Craft beers and wines from selected small producer are also on the menu including food.

Photo: Maksim Fesenko / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 220 6666

Internet:

www.quorvuscollection.com/en/gandv-hotel-edinburgh/bar

Email: epicurean@gandvhotel.com

Indigo Yard



Indigo Yard is an awarded cosy place set in an enchanting area with a lovely glass ceiling and with a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Here you

will always find a happy crowd, an amazing food menu and an extensive drink menu, especially when it comes to wine and beer.

Photo: Christopher Gardiner / Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Charlotte Ln, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 220 5603

Internet: www.indigoyardedinburgh.co.uk

Email: info@indigoyardedinburgh.co.uk

Eastside Edinburgh



The recently inaugurated Eastside has already gained a loyal following with its innovative "indoor festival" concept that sees an international

street food market take place under its roof every single night. DJ spin the latest tunes as patrons tuck into fragrant Indian curries and Korean 'bulgogi', or challenge each other to a game of (free!) pool.

Photo: Michael Discenza/Unsplash.com

Address: 51a George Street, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 226 2275

Internet: www.eastsideedinburgh.co.uk

Ghillie Dhu



For a truly Scottish experience, treat yourself with dinner and a pint before enjoying a lively ceilidh (a Gaelic gathering with folk music

and dancing) at this traditional yet strikingly modern Scottish pub and live entertainment venue. Look out for the surprising architecture, live music many nights of the week and the special events on weekends in the auditorium.

Photo: Lukassek / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rutland St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 - 03:00,

Friday-Saturday: 10:00 - 05:00

Phone: +44 131 222 9930

Internet: www.ghillie-dhu.co.uk

Email: info@ghillie-dhu.co.uk

The Jolly Judge



Nestled in the historic Old Town, the Jolly Judge offers a relaxed atmosphere, a great range of malt whiskies and real ales and a warm

welcome to all. This pub also provides free Wi-Fi, but you will probably forget to check your phone because of having so much fun!

Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 James Court, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 12:00 - 23:00 (until 00:00 on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays)

Phone: +44 131 225 2669

Internet: www.jollyjudge.co.uk

The Sheep Heid Inn



Located just outside Edinburgh, at the foot of Arthur's Seat, this traditional pub is Scotland's oldest surviving public house,

established in 1360. Sit by the fire in winter or make yourself comfortable in the hidden courtyard during the warmer summer months.

Photo: Vaclav Mach / Shutterstock.com

Address: 43-45 The Causeway, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 - 23:00,
Friday-Saturday: 11:00 - 00:00

Phone: +44 131 661 7974

Internet: www.thesheepheidedinburgh.co.uk

Email: enquiry@thesheepheidedinburgh.co.uk

The Scotch Whisky Experience



Uncover the secrets of Scotland's national drink at the Scotch Whisky Experience. Take a unique tour through a replica distillery in their

Whisky Barrel Ride before learning more about the whisky regions of Scotland and enjoying a dram as you marvel at the world's largest collection of Scotch whisky.

Photo: donfiore/Shutterstock.com

Address: 354 Castlehill, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 220 0441

Internet: www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

Email: info@scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

SHOPPING



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Edinburgh is the perfect place to indulge in some serious retail therapy and pick up memorable gifts for family and friends - and as the city is so compact, you can easily explore on foot and in the meantime enjoy spectacular surroundings. Classy George Street is the place to go for designer labels, while high-end brands can be found on the prestigious Multrees Walk. In its surroundings you will come across Jenners department store, a real Edinburgh institution that hosts a wide range of shops in a majestic Victorian building. It is granted that you will not

leave Edinburgh empty-handed.

Closes



Do not miss the small streets in Edinburgh Old Town, the so-called 'closes', which not only hide cosy backyards but also cheese shops,

jewelers, and kilt designer shops. To regain some strength and energy after a long shopping spree, nibble on some shortbread, typical Scottish biscuits sold everywhere.

Photo: Christian Mueller / Shutterstock.com
Address: Closes, Edinburgh

Victoria Street

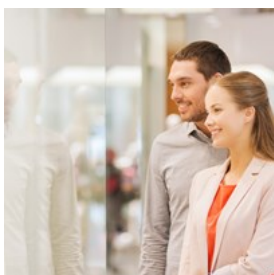


Right by the Royal Mile you will find Victoria Street, where brightly coloured shops line up to sell all sorts of products to the city's visitors. Pick

up artisan cheese, cutting edge fashion, or authentic Scottish design products, and when the hunger kicks in, head over to one of the many restaurants and pubs located within this vibrant area.

Photo: Justin Black / Shutterstock.com
Address: Victoria Street, Edinburgh

House of Fraser Jenners



House of Fraser Jenners is one of the top leading department stores in the United Kingdom. It features boutiques of all the major high-end

brands selling clothing for men, women and children, as well as accessories and interior

design decorations.

Photo: Syda Productions / Shutterstock.com
Address: 48 Princes St, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-7pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 11am-6pm
Phone: +44 131 225 2442
Internet: www.houseoffraser.co.uk
Email: jennersedinburgh@hof.co.uk

Waverley Mall

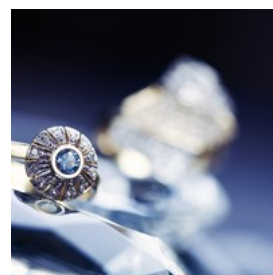


Located right next to Waverley Station, Waverley Mall is a shopping destination for both shopping fans and food lovers. Here you will

not only find all sorts of clothing brands, but also a wide range of small food venues and coffee shops. It is great shopping spot for rainy days.

Photo: Antoniodiaz / Shutterstock.com
Address: Princes St, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm
Phone: +44 131 557 3759
Internet: www.waverleymall.com
Email: admin@waverleymall.com

Sheila Fleet Stockbridge Edinburgh



Beautiful design comes naturally to Sheila Fleet, the designer of these lovely pieces of jewellery. Her designs are heavily inspired by the sea, the

sky, and the colours of the landscapes of Scotland. You will most likely walk out of the shop either with a new necklace, a ring, or a pair of earrings.

Photo: Senk / Shutterstock.com
Address: 18 St Stephen St, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun 11am-5pm
Phone: +44 131 225 5939

Internet: www.sheilafleet.com

Heritage of Scotland



If you want to take a piece of Scotland home with you, then do not miss a visit to Heritage of Scotland, the ultimate store for all things

Scottish. They have kilts, bagpipes, rugby shirts, Celtic and Scottish jewellery, suits of armour and so much more.

Photo: Julietphotography / Shutterstock.com

Address: 18-20 High St, Edinburgh

Phone: +44 131 557 2030

Internet: www.heritageofscotland.com

Cranachan & Crowdie



Head to Cranachan & Crowdie for food and beverage souvenirs. This charming store sells a wide range of whiskey and ale, and also quality

Scottish treats like the best shortbread, award-winning chocolates, traditional Black Bun, different types of oatcakes as well as jams, marmalade, and chutneys.

Photo: Lukassek / Shutterstock.com

Address: 263 Canongate, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 11am-6pm

Phone: +44 131 556 7194

Internet: www.cranachanandcrowdie.com

Email: info@cranachanandcrowdie.com

Miss Katie Cupcake



Miss Katie Cupcake is a vintage paradise with handmade jewellery, vintage books and a number of knick-knacks that you may suddenly realize you have been missing all your life. It is also one of the cutest shops in the city, definitely worth a little visit.

Photo: Coka / Shutterstock.com

Address: 52 Cockburn St, Old Town, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 09:30 - 18:30

Phone: +44 7969 202214

Internet: www.misskatiecupcake.com

Email: misskatiecupcake@hotmail.co.uk

Cadenhead Whisky



There are many stores where you can go for a good selection of whiskey, but Cadenhead Whisky is well-recommended by the locals. The staff is very knowledgeable and will give you a great insight to all the different options and guide you through your choice.

Photo: Donfiore / Shutterstock.com

Address: 172 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 10:30 - 17:30. Closed Sundays.

Phone: +44 131 556 5864

Internet: www.wmcadenhead.com

Email: chws@wmcadenhead.com

Grassmarket



One can find the Grassmarket in the middle of the Old Town of Edinburgh. It is probably the most picturesque place in Edinburgh and it might make you feel like you are inside a fantasy novel. Here you will find original and pretty shops where artists and artisans' display their items. The area itself is very lively, making it a great place to stroll around and do some shopping.

Photo: Chrisdorney / Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Town, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Open 24 hours
Internet: www.the-grassmarket.com

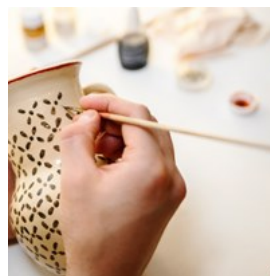
Edinburgh Farmers' Market



Edinburgh Farmers' Market has won several awards and definitely a lovely place where to spend a Saturday morning with friends and families. Walk around the different stalls and buy some fresh fruits or sweet delights and enjoy the atmosphere with a hot cup of coffee!

Photo: Lucky Business / Shutterstock.com
Address: Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Saturday: 09:00 - 14:00
Phone: +44 131 220 8580
Internet: www.edinburghfarmersmarket.co.uk
Email: info@essentialedinburgh.co.uk

Doodles



Established in 1999, Doodles is a creative pottery workshop where you can also make a few purchases. You can pick a piece and choose your favourite colour from a selection of over 80 glazes and your item will be available for pick up in a couple days.

Photo: Nadezhda Kulikova / Shutterstock.com
Address: 27-29 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh
Opening hours: Fri-Mon 10am-6pm, Tue-Thu 10:30am-9pm
Phone: +44 131 229 1399
Internet: www.doodlesscotland.co.uk
Email: painting@doodlesscotland.co.uk

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Edinburgh Airport



Edinburgh Airport is located 11 km west of the city, and connections to the city take usually 25-30 minutes to get to the city regardless of whether you go by bus, taxi or rented car.

Airlink express bus number 100 operates from the airport to Waverley Bridge (close to Princes

Street and the main rail and bus stations). It departs every 10 minutes during the day and the journey takes 30 minutes. Tickets can be bought in advance online, at the bus stop, or from the driver.

If you arrive by night, take the night bus N22 (from stop D). This bus runs from the airport via South Gyle to the city centre and to the Ocean Terminal in Leith between 00:45 and 04:15 seven nights a week. It departs every 30 minutes.

There is also the bus service 35 (from stop F) that runs to the city centre and on to the Ocean Terminal. It departs every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and every 30 minutes in the evenings and Sundays.

Taxi prices to and from the airport vary and many of the vehicles are adapted for disabled people. Taxis are located on the first floor of the multi-storey car park opposite the main terminal building.

Edinburgh Airport has a car hire centre where you can find all the major car hire companies such as Hertz, AVIS, Europcar, Alamo, Budget and Sixt. It is conveniently located with direct access to the terminal and easy to book in advance via the airport website.

Photo: Juan Garces
Phone: +44 844 448 8833
Internet: www.edinburghairport.com

Best Time to Visit



Late spring and summer's longer days and warmer temperatures make these periods the best time to visit Edinburgh. However, rain can be expected at anytime in Edinburgh and throughout Scotland, even in summer.

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Passport / Visa



Citizens from EEA countries or Switzerland then you must have either a valid passport or a national identity card issued by a EEA country, which is valid for the whole of your stay. Citizens from non-EEA countries must hold a valid passport before visiting Scotland and the UK. Depending on your country and/or stay duration, you might need a visa. Check out visa policies for the UK at

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration>

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Public Transport



There are various bus companies operating in Edinburgh. The largest are First Edinburgh and Lothian Buses, you can use both to get around town or explore the surrounding coast and countryside. For both companies you can purchase tickets on the bus, in shops, online or in the mobile app.

Edinburgh is a small and fairly compact city

though, and most destinations in the city are within walking distance.

For more information check the companies' websites.

Lothian Buses: www.lothianbuses.com/index.php

First Edinburgh
www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/scotland_east/

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Unoccupied taxis have are indicated with a light on the top. You can also book a taxi by contacting the following companies:
City Cabs +44 131 228

1211

Central Radio Taxis
+44 131 229 2468

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Stamps are available from post offices and newsagents and you will find several post offices in the city centre, with the most central being the

Tollcross Post Office, located in Home Street.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 33 Home St, Edinburgh

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-2pm. Closed on Sundays.

Phone: +44 345 611 2970

Internet: www.postoffice.co.uk

Pharmacy



To find details on your nearest health services including pharmacies, dentists, doctors, and hospitals, visit the NHS24 website

(www.nhs24.scot), or call 111 in case of emergency.

Here are some major pharmacies:

Royal Mile Pharmacy - Alphega Pharmacy
67 High St, Edinburgh
+44 131 556 1971

Edinburgh University Pharmacy
6 Bristo Pl, Edinburgh
+44 131 668 2182

Lindsay & Gilmour Pharmacy
257A Leith Walk, Edinburgh
+44 131 554 6591

Photo: Gemma Garner

Phone: 111

Internet: www.nhs24.scot

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: 0131

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



240 Volt, three-pin
socket.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

482,005 (2011)

Currency

Pound Sterling, £1 = 100 pence

Opening hours

Opening hours are usually Monday - Saturday 9:00 to 18:00,
Sunday 11:00 to 17:00.

Newspapers

The Scotsman
The Herald
The Scottish Daily Record

Emergency numbers

999
112

Tourist information

Edinburgh and Scotland
VisitScotland Information Centre
3 Princes Street, Edinburgh
+44 845 225 5121





Abbeyhill	D2	George Square	C3	Moray Place	A2
Abercromby Place	B1	George Street	A2 B2	Morrison Street	A3
Albany Street	B1 C1	Gillespie Crescent	A4	Newington Road	D4
Annandale Street	C1	Gilmore Place	A4	Nicolson Street	C3
Arden Street	B4	Glenogle Road	A1	North Bridge	C2
Bernard Terrace	C4 D4	Grassmarket	B3	North Castle Street	A2
Blacket Place	D4	Great King Street	A1 B1	Northumberland Street	A1 B1
Blair Street	C2 C3	Green Street	C1	Panmure Place	A3 B3
Bread Street	A3	Greenside Road	C1 C2	Pleasance	C3
Bristo Place	B3 C3	Grindlay Street	A3	Potterrow	C3
Broughton Street	C1	Hamilton Place	A1	Princes Street	A2 B2
Brunswick Street	D1	Hanover Street	B2	Queen Street	A2 B2
Bruntsfield Place	A4	Hatton Place	B4 C4	Queens Drive	D2 D3
Buccleuch Place	C3 C4	Henderson Row	A1	Rankeillor Street	C4 D4
Calton Road	C2 D2	Heriot Row	A2 B2	Regent Road	C2 D2
Candlemaker Bow	B3	High Riggs	A3	Regent Terrace	D2
Canning Street	A3	High Street	C2	Rose Street	A2 B2
Canongate	C2 D2	Hill Street	A2	Royal Crescent	B1
Castle Street	A2	Hillside Crescent	D1	Royal Terrace	D1
Castle Terrace	A3	Holyrood Park Road	D4	Rutland Square	A2 A3
Castlehill	B3	Holyrood Road	D2 D3	Salisbury Road	C4 D4
Causewayside	C4	Home St	A3 A4	Sciennes Road	C4
Chalmers Street	B3 B4	Hopetoue Crescent	C1	Shandwick Place	A2
Chambers Street	B3 C3	Howe Street	A1	South Bridge	C2 C3
Charlotte Square	A2	India Street	A1 A2	South Clerk Street	C4 D4
Circus Place	A1	Johnston Terrace	A3 B3	South Elgin Street	D1
Clerk Street	C3 C4	King's Stable Road	A3 B3	Spottiswoode Street	B4
Cockburn Street	B2 C2	Lady Lawsons Street	A3 B3	St. Andrew Square	B2
Cowgate	C3	Lauderdale Street	B4	St. Leonads Street	C3 D4
Cumberland Street	A1 B1	Lauriston Gardens	B3 B4	St. Stephen Street	A1
Dalkeith Road	D4	Lauriston Place	A3 B3	Summerhall	C4
Drummond Place	B1	Lawnmarket	B2 B3	Tarvit Street	A4
Drummond Street	C3	Leamington Terrace	A4	Teviot Place	B3 C3
Dublin Street	B1	Leith Street	C2	The Mound	B2
Dumbiedykes Road	D2 D3	Leith Walk	C1	Thistle Street	B2
Dundas Street	A1 B1	Leven Street	A4	Union Street	C1
E Crosscauseway	C3	London Road	D1	Valleyfield Street	A4
Earl Grey St	A3	London Street	B1	Victoria Street	B3
East Fountainbridge	A3	Lonsdale Terr	A4 B4	Viewcraig Gardens	D3
East London Street	C1	Lothian Road	A3	Viewcraig Street	D2 D3
East Market Street	C2	Lothian Street	C3	Warrender Park Road	B4
East Preston Street	D4	Lutton Place	D4	Warrender Park Terrace	A4 B4
Easter Road	D1	Marchmont Cres	B4	Waterloo Place	C2
Elgin Terrace	D1	Marchmont Road	B4	Waverley Bridge	B2
Eyre Place	B1	Market Street	B2 C2	West Approach Road	A3
Forrest Road	B3	Mellville Drive	B4	West Port	A3 B3
Fountainbridge	A3	Mellville Terrace	C4	West Preston Street	C4 D4
Frederick Street	A2 B2	Montague Street	C4 D4	Whitehouse Loan	A4
George IV Bridge	B2 B3	Montgomery Street	D1	Windsor Street	C1

York Place

C1 Young Street

A2