

## 24 Hours in Historical and Cultural Edinburgh...

Start the day with the **Secrets of the Royal Mile** walking tour including **Edinburgh Castle**. A wonderful introduction to Edinburgh, it's past and people by **Mercat Tours**.

Edinburgh Castle dominates Scotland's capital city from its great volcanic rock. Its story has helped shape the nation's story. Battles and sieges were fought over it, royalty lived and died within its walls, and countless generations have been inspired by it.

From Edinburgh Castle take your time to walk down the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace and the Scottish Parliament.

Join a free guided tour of the **Scottish Parliament**. Find out how the Scottish Parliament has evolved through the ages, from the assembly meetings of nobles and churchmen in 1235 to the modern Parliament that exists today.

Spend the rest of the afternoon visiting the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the home of Scottish Royal History and The Queen's Official Residence in Scotland. Highlights include the State Apartments and Mary Queen of Scots' Chambers.

**Edinburgh Playhouse Theatre**. The Edinburgh Playhouse is the largest working theatre in the UK in terms of audience capacity, seating 3,059 people over three levels. Originally used as a cinema, nowadays the venue is used for large scale touring musical productions.

