

**YOUTH
TRAVEL
EDINBURGH**



Edinburgh, Capital of Scotland

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.

24 Hours in Active Edinburgh...

Get up early! Be rewarded with amazing views of the city by starting your day hiking **Arthur's Seat** in Holyrood Park. A unique historic landscape in the heart of the city, whose dramatic crags and hills give Edinburgh part of its distinctive skyline. The park contains a wealth of history and archaeology spanning thousands of years.

Or take a walk up **Calton Hill**, home to some of Edinburgh's most iconic monuments and one of the city's most picturesque locations. Calton Hill helped to coin the city's nickname 'Athens of the North'.

Join **Edinburgh Bike Tours** for a three hour bike tour using Edinburgh's cycle path network. This tour let's you sample the cities rich diversity by bike: picturesque cycle paths, the Water of Leith, the iconic sites in the heart of the city and a beautiful coastal promenade.

The **Scott Monument** is a Victorian Gothic monument to Scottish author Sir Walter Scott. It is the largest monument to a writer in the world. The tower is 200 feet 6 inches (61.11 m) high, and has a series of viewing platforms reached by a series of narrow spiral staircases giving panoramic views of central Edinburgh and its surroundings. The highest platform is reached by a total of 287 steps.

SANDEMANs Edinburgh Pub Crawl Edinburgh's nightlife is awesome: from hidden alleyway pubs, funky cocktail lounges to rocking clubs in old abandoned underground vaults. SANDEMANs professional party guides show you Edinburgh's best, as you meet other travellers looking to party and see a side of Edinburgh you couldn't find on your own.



Edinburgh has been voted the UK's second favourite city by the readers of Conde Nast – September 2015

Edinburgh city is home to a population of nearly 500,000

Edinburgh Castle has been named the UK's best heritage attraction for the fourth year in a row



Best UK destination outside London, as voted for by TripAdvisor reviewers in March 2015

Edinburgh hosts the world's favourite New Year street party, Edinburgh's Hogmanay, with over 75,000 revellers enjoying music in Princes Street Gardens and, from Edinburgh Castle, a dazzling firework display at midnight

Fourth most beautiful city in the world as voted for by Rough Guide readers in February 2015

The number of tickets sold for Edinburgh's festival events are only exceeded by the Olympics and the World Cup

Rated third safest city in the world in survey by Post Office Travel Insurance, March 2015

One of world's top ten cities, and in the top three cities in Europe, as voted for by Wanderlust Reader's Travel Awards, in February 2015

A day with a difference!

Camera Obscura & World of Illusions. Enjoy the fascinating Camera Obscura Show, fantastic views of Edinburgh, plus six floors packed full of an amazing range of optical experiences which have been amusing visitors of all ages and nationalities since 1853!

The Edinburgh Dungeon, experience the ultimate live action adventure through Scotland's murky past including 11 live actor shows and 2 thrilling rides!

Escape Hour or Can you Escape! Experience one of Edinburgh's top rated live interactive escape games. You and your friends will be locked in a mysterious room and given 60 minutes to solve a series of clues in order to complete a secret mission and escape!

Got more time to explore?

Why not take some time to explore more of what Scotland has to offer. Take a tour with **Haggis Adventures** or **Rabbie's Small Group Tours.**

Take a trip out of the city to visit East Lothian, 40 miles of breath-taking coastline and award winning beaches just a few miles from the city! Join a two hour "learn to surf" class with **Coast to Coast Surf School** and learn how to catch waves!

For more information on where to stay and what to do in Edinburgh visit:



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