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Edinburgh, Scotland



DESCRIPTION: Edinburgh is the capital city of [Scotland](#) and the seat of the [Scottish Parliament](#), it's a very old city and there is evidence of human habitation on [Castle Rock](#) from as early as 3,000 years ago. The Old Town and New Town districts of Edinburgh were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995. Edinburgh attracts over 1 million overseas visitors a year, making it the second most visited tourist destination in the United Kingdom. It would be impossible to list everything available in Edinburgh, but here are a few things we would recommend:

Famous landmarks: [Edinburgh Castle](#), the [Palace of Holyroodhouse](#), [St. Giles' Cathedral](#) [Princes Street Gardens](#), [Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#), [Edinburgh Zoo](#) or see the views of the city by taking a climb to the top of the [Scott Monument](#).

Museums/Galleries: [Royal Museum of Scotland](#), the [Museum of Edinburgh](#), the [Museum of Childhood](#), [National Gallery of Scotland](#), [Camera Obscura And World Of Illusions](#), [The Royal Yacht Britannia, Edinburgh](#) the [Scotch Whisky Experience](#), [Rosslyn Chapel](#) and for a good all round introduction why not try an open top bus tour of the city with [Edinburgh Bus Tours](#)

Sport: Edinburgh has two professional football clubs – Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian, while Scottish national rugby union team plays at Murrayfield Stadium.

Entertainment and Night life: Edinburgh has a large number of pubs, clubs and restaurants - why not try some traditional Scottish food, such as 'Haggis' or 'Neeps and Tatties'?

Annual Events: [Edinburgh Fringe](#), the largest performing-arts festival in the world other events include [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival, [Edinburgh International Festival](#); the [Edinburgh Military Tattoo](#), the [Edinburgh International Book Festival](#), the [Hogmanay](#) street party, [Dussehra](#) Hindu Festival, there is also the [Edinburgh International Science Festival](#) and the [Beltane Fire Festival](#).

HOW TO GET THERE:

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| Car: | 300 miles, Time: 5hrs 30mins |
| Train: | Time: 5-6hrs Cost: Approx. £60 Advance without railcard £125 Standard Fare |
| Coach: | Time 12- 16hrs, cost from £85 Open Return |
| **If you travel often then you could Save a third off your fares with a Coachcard Or a Railcard | |



MORE INFO: <http://www.edinburgh.org/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/scotland/edinburgh>

<http://www.edinburgh-history.co.uk/> <http://www.visitingedinburgh.com/>

Edinburgh Festival: <http://www.edfringe.com/>, <http://www.eif.co.uk/>

