

Things To See and Do in Edinburgh



Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh Castle dominates the city from its volcanic perch, with a history dating to the Iron Age. Don't miss the One O'Clock Gun.

The National

Scotland's premier art gallery was opened in 1859 and showcases Scottish and international masterpieces from the Renaissance to Post-Impressionism. Its neoclassical architecture is as striking as the collection inside.

Arthur's Seat

Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh's iconic extinct volcano, rises 251 m above the city, offering panoramic views.

Calton Hill

Calton Hill is part of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Site status with panoramic views over Edinburgh. It is home to neoclassical monuments, including the National Monument, Nelson Monument, and Dugald Stewart Monument, reflecting the city's vision as the "Athens of the North."



Greyfriars Kirk

Greyfriars Kirk, built in 1602, is one of Edinburgh's oldest churches, surrounded by a historic graveyard. It's famous for Greyfriars Bobby, the loyal terrier who guarded his owner's grave for 14 years.

Royal Yacht Britannia

The Royal Yacht Britannia, Queen Elizabeth II's floating palace for 40 years, sailed over 1,000,000 nautical miles before retiring to Leith. Now a five-star attraction, explore five decks, from the State Apartments to the Crew's Quarters and Engine Room.

Dean Village

Dean Village is a picturesque haven along the Water of Leith, once a thriving milling community dating back to the 12th century.

Palace of Holyroodhouse

The official Scottish residence of the reigning British monarch, Holyroodhouse is located at the end of the Royal Mile and is open to the public.



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Things To See and Do Near Edinburgh



Craigmillar Castle

Just three miles from the city centre, Craigmillar Castle is Edinburgh's 'other castle', offering a peaceful retreat with stunning city views. Best known for its ties to Mary, Queen of Scots, this well-preserved medieval fortress features a tower house, courtyard walls, and a unique fishpond shaped like a 'P' for the Preston family.

Portobello Beach

Portobello Beach offers two miles of golden sand, a lively promenade, and a charming seaside atmosphere. The area boasts elegant Georgian and Victorian architecture, reflecting its history as an independent seaside resort before becoming part of Edinburgh in 1896.

Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel, seven miles from Edinburgh, is a 15th-century masterpiece famed for its intricate carvings and history. Once a royal place of worship, it later gained fame through The Da Vinci Code.

Cramond Beach & Island

Cramond Beach is a scenic spot just outside Edinburgh, offering sandy shores, coastal walks and a village atmosphere. Stroll along the promenade, explore the area's rich history, or walk to Cramond Island, accessible at low tide via a causeway. The island, once a WWII defence site, features old military structures and panoramic views of the Firth of Forth. The village itself boasts charming Georgian architecture, and visitors can relax at waterfront cafés or explore the remains of a Roman fort, reflecting Cramond's long history as a settlement.

Lauriston Castle

Lauriston Castle is a 16th-century tower house with 19th-century additions, offering stunning views over the Firth of Forth. Now a museum, its Edwardian interior remains remarkably preserved, providing a glimpse into early 20th-century middle-class life in Edinburgh. Visitors can explore the tranquil gardens, including an award-winning Japanese garden, enjoy woodland walks, or take a guided tour of the castle.



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