

Edinburgh

Scotland

- The capital of Scotland is the world's leading festival city: it's home to 10 international festivals, including the world's biggest celebration of the art and culture, Edinburgh Festival Fringe.
- Admire Old Masters at the Scottish National Gallery and modern sculpture at Jupiter Artland, or sample the Scotch Whisky Experience for a taste of the nation's favourite spirit.
- Head up the ancient volcano, Arthur's Seat, for spectacular views, or explore the former fortress, Edinburgh Castle.
- Wander down the cobbled Royal Mile in the heart of the city's Old Town and discover the Palace of Holyroodhouse.





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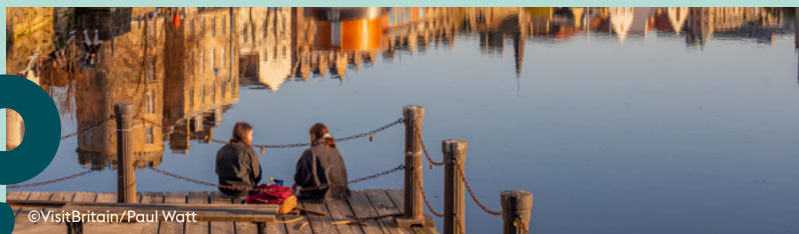
Fun Fact

When completed in 1902, the iconic Balmoral Clock was purposely set three minutes fast to help travellers not to miss their trains from nearby Edinburgh Waverley Station. The only day the time is corrected in on New Year's Eve for Hogmanay.



Did you know?

Edinburgh was named the world's first UNESCO City of Literature and is famed for being the birthplace of Arthur Conan Doyle, writer and creator of fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes.



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Things to do in Edinburgh



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Royal Yacht Britannia

All aboard Britain's Royal Yacht for an insider sneak peek into the life of the Royal Family. Look out for themed events, afternoon teas and Hogmanay celebrations.

www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Get ready for a night of extravagance, pipers, dancers and performances with the ancient city castle as the backdrop.

www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/royal-edinburgh-ticket

The Scotch Whisky Experience

Discover the art behind Scotland's favourite drink on this guided tour, tasting and food pairing.

www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk

Edinburgh Castle

Discover the dramatic fortress, perched on top of a dormant volcano at the top of Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

www.edinburghcastle.scot/plan-your-visit

Jupiter Artland

Discover this award-winning contemporary sculpture garden, set in over 100 acres of meadows and woodlands.

www.jupiterartland.org

Trike Tours Scotland

Explore the city in style, on the back of a chauffeur-driven 1600cc powered trike.

www.triketoursscotland.co.uk/index.html

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

This historic green space is a peaceful setting for walks, picnics and festivals – and is wheelchair accessible too.

www.rbge.org.uk

Discover the best of Edinburgh



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Like Scotland's unique flavours

Explore Edinburgh's thriving culinary scene. Sip and taste iconic Scottish Whisky, haggis, neeps and tatties. Plus, discover the exploding gin scene with new gin distilleries, craft cocktails and friendly locals.

www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/edinburgh-secret-food-tour

Love a chocolate tour

Dive into the world of chocolate – learn about its history, make a chocolate bar and indulge in tastings – expect everything from vegan and gluten-free, to haggis-flavoured chocs.

www.chocolatarium.co.uk



Spring



A cycling adventure

Keen sightseers can find a unique way to see the city aboard a bike. Cycle round Arthur's Seat, out to the coastline or down the canal. Join guided bike tours that take visitors through Edinburgh's historic streets, hidden alleys and scenic parks.

www.aweepedal.com/tours

Summer



Explore the city's culture scene

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Edinburgh International Festival fill the city with live music, theatrics, and stand-up comedy. For several weeks in August, Edinburgh transforms into a hub of creativity, with thousands of performances taking place in venues across the city.

www.edfringe.com

Autumn



Step into the underworld

Get a chill on an immersive ghostly tour through Edinburgh's underground world – from the dungeons to the Real Mary King's Close and the Vaults. These spine-tingling experiences dive into the city's dark history, revealing tales of hauntings and mysterious disappearances.

www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/edinburgh-dungeon

Winter



See in the New Year in style

Enjoy three days of festivities for Hogmanay - expect torchlight processions, street parties and fireworks. The celebration culminates with a New Year's Eve Street party, where thousands gather to ring in the new year with a midnight fireworks display over Edinburgh Castle.

www.edinburghfestivalcity.com/festivals/edinburghs-hogmanay

Places to stay in Edinburgh



Old Town

Home to centuries-old buildings and Edinburgh Castle, as well as The Royal Mile lined with pubs and eateries – perfect for first-time visitors.

New Town

Packed with restaurants and a shopper's paradise, this elegant part of the city boasts Georgian townhouses and open squares, alongside stylish cocktail lounges and an array of dining options.

Leith

Trendy Leith caters to all tastes and budgets. Explore everything from street food to vintage shops and cosy cafes in this lively port district.

Find accommodation in Edinburgh

www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/edinburgh/accommodation

Getting around

With a [24-hour bus service](#) running from the airport to the city centre plus buses, trains and the tram, getting around Edinburgh is a breeze. [Lothian Network Day](#) tickets provide unlimited one-day travel on Lothian trams and buses. There are also [Hop-on Hop-off Bus Tours](#).



By bus

Buses run 24 hours a day. [Lothian buses](#) is one of the main operators.



By tram

[Edinburgh Tram](#) covers 15 stops between Edinburgh Airport and York Place.





By taxi


Licensed black cabs, [Central Taxis](#) and [City Cabs](#), take up to five people per car, a good option for a family or group of friends. Taxis can be hailed on the street.


Getting to Edinburgh

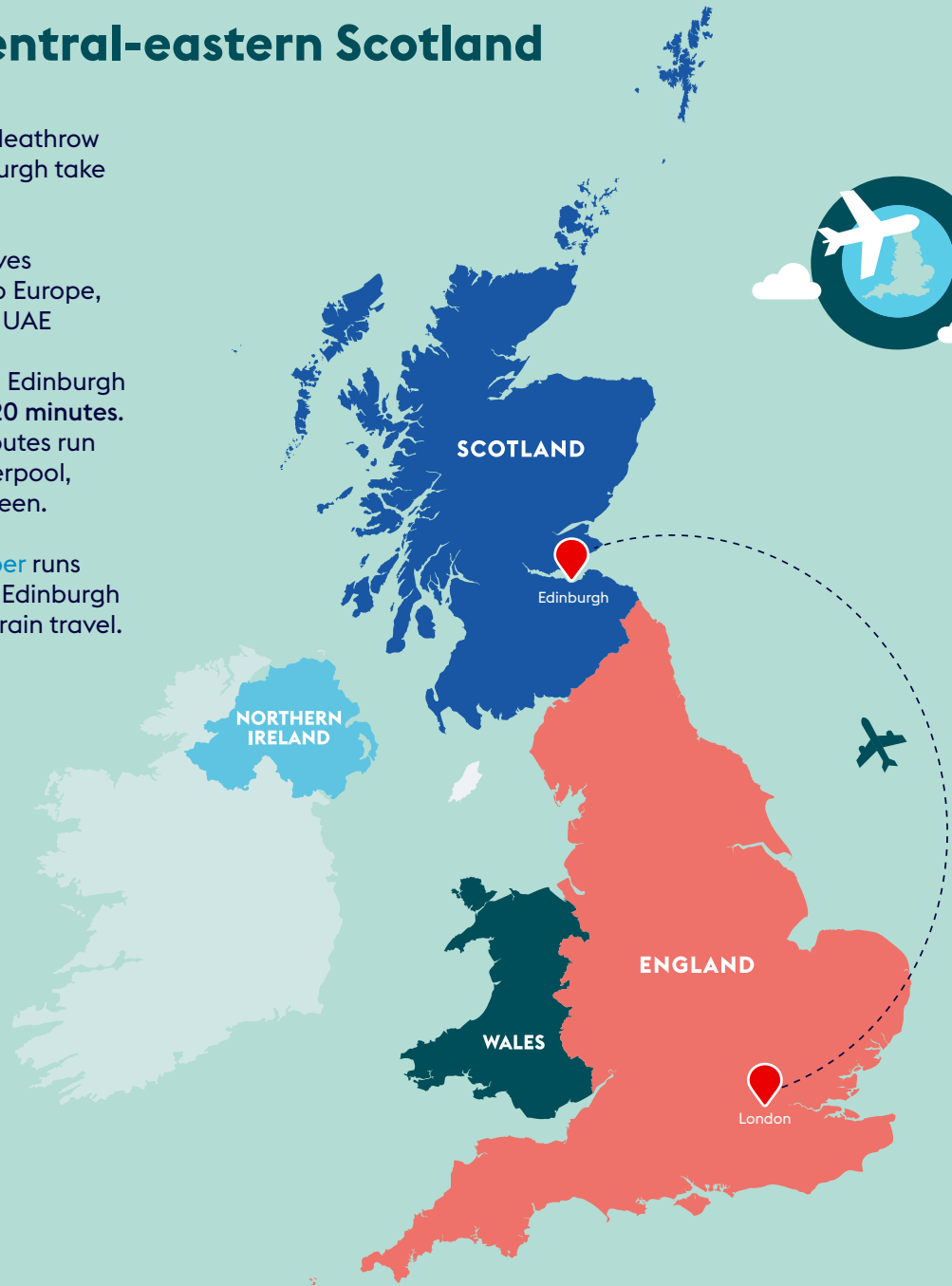
Located in central-eastern Scotland

 Flights from London Heathrow and Gatwick to Edinburgh take 1 hour 10 minutes.

 **Edinburgh Airport** serves international routes to Europe, the Americas and the UAE

 Trains from London to Edinburgh take around 4 hours 20 minutes. Other popular train routes run from Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle and Aberdeen.

 **The Caledonian Sleeper** runs between London and Edinburgh and offers overnight train travel.



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