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## History & Culture



Scotland's capital is a vibrant city enriched in history. The old town of Edinburgh was built on a glacial ridge during Medieval times and has numerous iconic historic places and monuments including Edinburgh Castle,

St Giles Church, and the Royal Mile. Explore its narrow closes and cobbled streets that hold stories of bygone times.

Edinburgh's New Town was built in the 18th century with the aim to create a more

comfortable space for the city's residents. Its neat and ordered grid pattern is home to well-kept green spaces like Princes Street Gardens and Calton Hill as well as the Scot Monument, which is dedicated to the famous Scottish author, Sir Walter Scott.



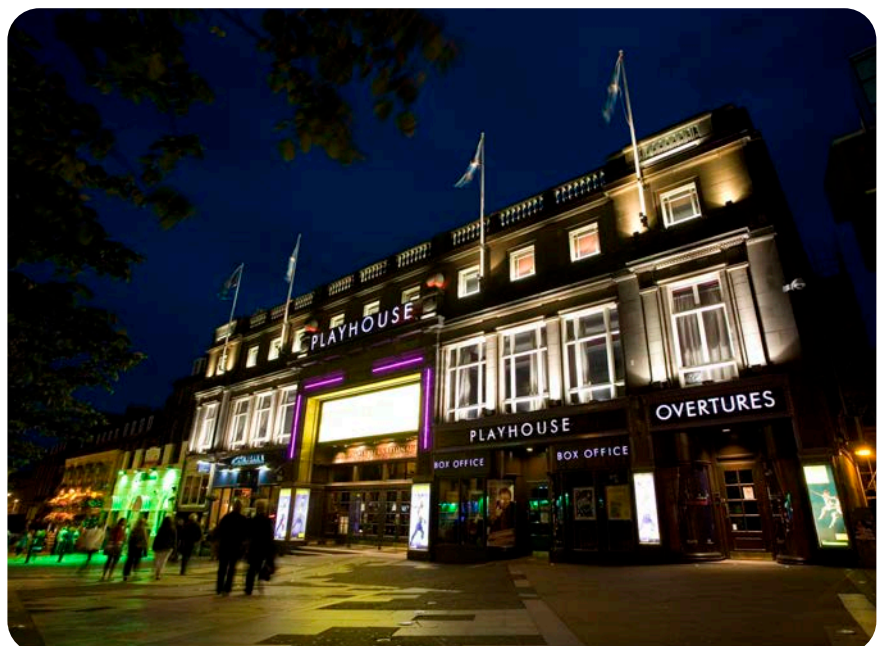
## Arts & Entertainment

Edinburgh is synonymous with creativity and culture, hosting the world's largest arts festival, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, each August. Year-round, the city's theatres, galleries, and performance spaces come alive with a vibrant array of shows and exhibitions. From the historic Edinburgh Playhouse to contemporary art galleries in the trendy Leith area, there's something to inspire and delight all tastes.

Visit the Scottish National Gallery which is home to masterpieces by world renowned artists like Rubens and Cezanne, or the National

Museum of Scotland which is home to permanent

exhibitions of archaeology, technology, and science.



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## Dining



From cosy traditional pubs serving hearty Scottish meals to chic bistros offering modern cuisine, Edinburgh's dining scene is as diverse

as it is delicious. Sample local delicacies like Scottish whisky and haggis or embark on a culinary journey with international flavours from

around the world. With a plethora of Michelin-starred restaurants and hidden gems awaiting discovery, every meal is an adventure in Edinburgh. You can expect to find delicious places to dine at the Royal Mile, Princes Street or Rose Street.



## Shopping



Edinburgh is a shopper's paradise, with a diverse range of shops and boutiques tucked away in its historic streets. From luxury brands on George Street to quirky independent stores in the Grassmarket, there's something to suit every taste and budget. Browse for unique souvenirs, stylish



fashion, and artisanal goods, or explore bustling markets like

the weekly Farmers' Market for local produce and crafts.

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## **Parks & Outdoor Spaces**



Despite its urban setting, Edinburgh boasts an abundance of green spaces where visitors can

escape the hustle and bustle of city life. Wander through the enchanting Princes Street

Gardens, explore the wooded trails of Holyrood Park, or stroll along the Water of Leith Walkway. Edinburgh is also home to Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill, both of which give stunning views of the city and opportunities for hiking, cycling, and picnicking. Edinburgh's outdoor spaces offer a tranquil retreat for nature lovers.



## **Nightlife**

The nightlife in Edinburgh can be as vibrant or as gentle as you wish. From cosy pubs to trendy cocktail bars and bus-

tling nightclubs, the city offers a wonderful night-time atmosphere. The centre of town, Royal Mile or Princes Street can



be one of the most active areas for a night out however, Leith, Grassmarket and Cowgate are also great places to spend an evening. With its friendly atmosphere and diverse array of venues, Edinburgh guarantees unforgettable nights out for all.