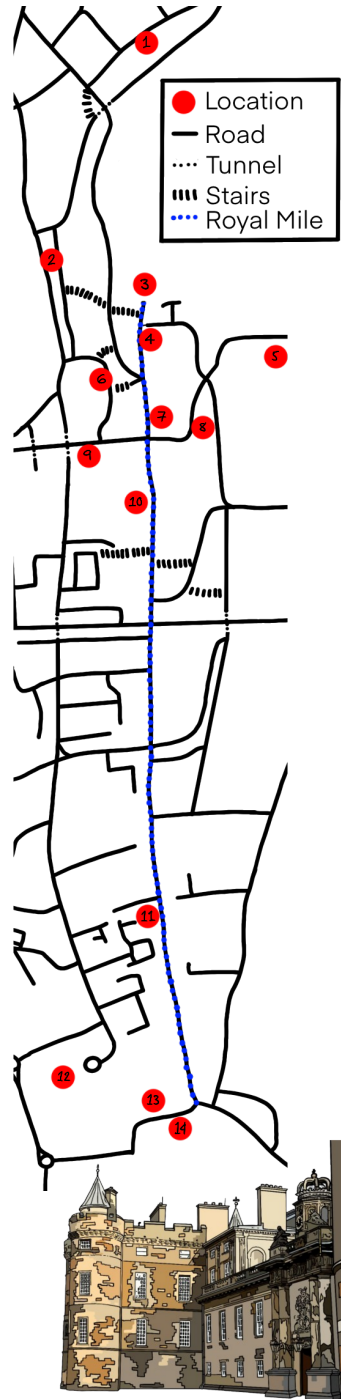


Royal Mile

The Royal Mile is a road in Edinburgh's Old Town that stretches from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The mile has many shops, sights, and branching alleyways. Here are just a few noteworthy locations along and nearby the route.

1. Castle Terrace: This street at the base of the castle hosts a farmer's market selling fresh produce, baked goods, local foods, and hot drinks every Saturday until 14:00.
2. Grassmarket: A charming square home to arguably the best ice cream in Edinburgh at Mary's Milk Bar and many pubs and shops. Grassmarket also hosts a farmer's market on Saturdays.
3. Edinburgh Castle: A large fortress situated at the top of the Royal Mile, Edinburgh castle offers many exhibits on Scottish history and the royal family. The castle is quite popular, so advance booking is highly recommended. Ticket prices for adults range between £15.50 - £19.50 depending on entry day, as some areas of the castle are closed on the 4th and 6th of July.
4. Camera Obscura: A family-friendly attraction with many interactive exhibits and fantastic views of the city. Adult tickets start at £20.95 for online bookings.
5. Scottish National Gallery: Home to the Scottish national collection of fine art, which contains Scottish and international artwork from the Renaissance to the beginning of the 1900s.
6. Victoria Street: Inspiration for Harry Potter's Diagon Alley, this vibrant street is full of color-



ful shops. Stop in at Oink for delicious hog roast.

7. **Writer's Museum and Lawnmarket:** The writer's museum hosts a collection of items and works belonging to some of Scotland's most celebrated authors. The museum is located on the Lawnmarket, an old, historic section of the Royal Mile where linen was once sold at market.
8. **Museum on the Mound:** A museum dedicated to coinage and economics. Entry is free.
9. **National Library of Scotland:** Edinburgh's first public library, with an exhibition area on the ground floor.
10. **St. Giles' Cathedral:** The "High Kirk" of Edinburgh, this cathedral is a beautiful example of gothic architecture whose origins date back to the 12th century. Services are held here every Sunday. On the ground outside the church, visitors can spot the Heart of Midlothian, a mosaic inlay that marks the location of the entrance to the Old Tollbooth, where executions used to take place.
11. **Museum of Edinburgh:** This museum focuses on the history and legends of Edinburgh. Entry is free.
12. **Dynamic Earth:** A popular family-friendly attraction featuring many scientific exhibits and a planetarium.
13. **Scottish Parliament:** Home of the Scottish government, this building is an example of some of Edinburgh's more unique modern architecture.
14. **Palace of Holyroodhouse:** The official Scottish residence of the British monarch, with many curated rooms open to the public including those of Mary, Queen of Scots. Adult Tickets start at £18 for advance booking.



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