

# Edinburgh Pubs

The pub scene is integral to UK culture, and Edinburgh has a wide variety of pubs from traditional places for a pint to atmospheric beer gardens or lively bars. Here is a short list of some good pubs around town. The number in parentheses indicates how long it takes to walk to each pub from Pollock Halls, but there is also an extensive bus system to travel around Edinburgh.

1. The Golf Tavern: Traditional Scottish pub established in 1456 located on the edge of the Bruntsfield Links near the meadows (39 min).
2. The Earl of Marchmont: Corner pub serving classic food, beers, and cocktails (26 min).
3. The Argyle and Cellar Bar: Pub offering local beers, welcoming atmosphere, and live music on weekends (26 min).
4. Cold Town House: Bar and restaurant on Grassmarket with a rooftop seating section looking out on the castle (38 min).
5. St. Vincent: A “modern take on a traditional community local,” the Vinnie is located in a basement of a townhouse in New Town and offers quality beers, wines, and seasonal cocktails (57 min).
6. Greyfriars Bobby’s Bar: Pub next to Greyfriars Kirkyard, named for a

faithful dog whose story is written on the pub’s external walls. Tradition is to rub the nose of the dog statue just outside (34 min).

7. Doctors: Classic pub with links to the medical college and the Royal Infirmary (32 min).
8. Teviot Library Bar and The Garden at Teviot: Located in the University of Edinburgh’s student union, these pubs cater to students. The Library Bar serves drinks amongst shelves of old books, while the Garden at Teviot embraces the beer garden concept, with frequent live music (29 min).
9. The Royal Dick Bar at Summerhall: Hidden within the old veterinary science building, the Royal Dick offers food and drinks in a colorful atmosphere and pub quizzes every Monday at 7:30 pm (19 min).



10. The Pear Tree & 56 North: The Pear Tree is a beer garden near the University of Edinburgh's George Square campus that shows sports matches on the large outdoor screen. 56 North, just around the corner, serves tasty gastropub food and cocktails made with Edinburgh gin (26 min).
11. Brass Monkey Drummond Street: A cozy pub with a movie-themed back room and affordable drinks (24 min).
12. Pilgrim Bar: Lively pub on the edge of Cowgate's bar scene with food, drinks, and popular quiz nights (27 min).
13. The World's End: "Old-style" pub situated on the Royal Mile serving classic pub fare whose external walls are part of the Old Town's original fortress wall (27 min).
14. Sheep Heid Inn: One of Edinburgh's oldest pubs, the Sheep Heid serves seasonal foods and pub fare in the relaxed Duddingston village at the base of Arthur's seat (28 min).



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