

## Welcome to our Edinburgh Uncovered trip!

We've got a packed weekend of beautiful architecture, medieval streets, a big old castle, the 'birth place' of Harry Potter, whisky, haggis, a big night out, a climb up a volcano and a whole lot more...

As with all our trips, you can choose to do as much or as little as you want with us. Find out more below and over the page. If you have any questions, just ask!



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## Itinerary

### Friday

- 14:15** - Arrive in Edinburgh, drop off bags, freshen up, get some lunch. Free time!
- 17:00** - Meet outside the hostel for our City Walking Tour. Free time afterwards or optional dinner.
- 18:00** - If booked, after the tour meet directly in the Albanach pub for dinner. (See map)

### Saturday

Free time, or optional Braveheart tour!

- 09:30** - If you booked the tour, meet outside the hostel ready to go!
- 15:00** - Arrive back in Edinburgh and enjoy the rest of the day. See suggestions on the back, or ask your trip leader.
- 18:45** - If booked, meet outside the hostel for the optional Ghost Tour, or...
- 19:00** - Meet directly at the start point. (See map)
- 21:00** - Start the pub crawl – meet on Hunter's Square behind the Tron Kirk. (See map)

### Sunday

- 09:30** - Meet your local guide outside the hostel for the Arthur's Seat Walk. Free time after the walk!
- 13:00** - Meet back at the hostel ready to leave.  
\*Don't be late!\*
- 16:00** - Arrive in Durham and follow your Trip Leader to the Cathedral.
- 17:30** - Leave Durham.
- 19:30/20:00** - Arrive back in Leeds / Bradford.

## Edinburgh City Walking Tour (1h)

Our fantastic local guides have selected the best bits of Edinburgh just for you including lots of the famous sights such as Greyfriars Bobby, Edinburgh Castle, The Royal Mile, and a few of their favourites. Meet your local guides at 17:00 on Saturday outside the hostel to start the tour. After the tour, you will have free time in the evening (or optional dinner).

## Arthur's Seat Walk (2h30)

Arthur's Seat is an **extinct volcano**, named after either the legendary Arthur of Camelot, or from the phrase "Archer's Seat" because of its defensive function. Either way, the view from the top is amazing! The walk can get quite steep in places, make sure you wear good shoes, a warm, waterproof coat and bring a bottle of water. **WARNING:** If you don't like heights, bring a friend to cling on to!

## Durham (1h30)

A beautiful little city with winding cobbled streets packed with history, culture and stunning architecture, and a World Heritage Site defined by the twin monuments of castle and cathedral sat high above a dramatic river gorge. On arrival join your trip leader on a walk up to the cathedral; free time to visit! Durham Cathedral starred in Harry Potter films as the interior and exterior of Hogwarts (!).



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## Accommodation

**Smart City Hostel**  
**50 Blackfriars St, EH1 1NE**  
**0131 524 1989**

- Rooms will be ready at 15:00, so drop off your bags, grab some lunch and get ready for our City Walking Tours at 17:00. Come back anytime after 15:00 to get your key.
- All rooms are ensuite (with bathroom); bed linen and towels are provided.
- There is a kitchen and a bar, as well as free WiFi throughout the hostel.
- Full Scottish breakfast is included and is served in the bar downstairs from 8:00 until 12:00.
- Check-out before 10:00 on Sunday and store your bags in luggage room.
- There is a £10 key deposit to be paid by each person; we'll collect this on the bus.
- Please read the hostel fire safety instructions – know where to go if there is a fire!

## Important phone numbers

In an emergency call 999 or 112 from a mobile. Any other problems, call

Ancor on 07792 913172

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## The FREE...

1. See some of the best Scottish and international art in the world at the **National Gallery of Scotland** (The Mound, Princes Street. Open: 10:00-17:00. Cost: Free).
2. Discover amazing treasures such as the Lewis Chessmen at the **National Museum of Scotland** (Chambers Street. Open: 10:00-17:00. Cost: Free).
3. See where the Scottish leaders make their decision at the modern **Scottish Parliament Building**, opened in 2004 – 3 years late and 10 times over-budget!
4. Learn how tartan is made at the **Tartan Weaving Mill** (Royal Mile. Open: 09:00 – 17:30. Cost: Free to look, more for kilts and teatowels!).

**Ghost tour**– If you purchased a ghost tour meet here outside the Witchery restaurant.

## ...and the not so free.

5. Discover the long and bloody history of the unforgettable **Edinburgh Castle** and see the city's oldest buildings (Open: 09:30 – 17:00 (last entry 16:00) Cost: £16.00).
6. See where the Queen's stays when she's in town at **The Palace of Holyroodhouse** (Open: 09:30 – 18:00 (last entry 16:30) Cost: £10.30 with student ID, includes audio tour).
7. Learn all about Scotland's most famous liquid export at the **Scotch Whisky Experience** (Royal Mile. Open: 10:00 – 18:00 (last tour at 18:00) Cost: £10.50 with student card). It's a bit expensive, but includes a free dram of Whisky!

## Eating and Drinking

8. Grab a soup and hot wrap/bagel meal deal (£5 or £4 takeaway) at **Hula Juice Bar** (Victoria St / West Bow. Open: 08:00-18:00).
9. Seek inspiration at **The Elephant House** (21 George VI Bridge. Open: 09:00-23:00), a gourmet tea & coffee shop with great cake. J.K. Rowling (author of Harry Potter) wrote her early novels here overlooking Castle.

## The Best Viewpoints

10. Get excellent panoramic views of the city from **Calton Hill**, well worth the 30 minute walk from High Street. Probably not recommended after dark...
11. Don't forget our Sunday walk up to **Arthur's Seat**, a big extinct volcano with a steep and slippery path but incredible views!

## The Albanach

(197 High Street) – Meet here for dinner including an opportunity to try haggis (eek!) and sample one of over 100 whiskies!

**Hunter's Square** – Meet us here in the open space behind the Tron Kirk (opposite the Albanach) at **21:00** on Saturday to go for a wee drink or two in some of Edinburgh's best pubs with your expert local guides showing you the way. See what an evening in Edinburgh has to offer! Whisky and Kilt-spotting are optional extras!

**Smart City Hostel** – Meet here, outside the hostel, at **13:00** on Sunday ready to get a bus back. \*Don't be late, we cannot wait!\*

