**Edinburgh: Travel Guide**

The capitol city of Scotland, Edinburgh, is one of the most beautiful and interesting cities in the Great Britain. Are you interested in traditional British architecture, history, do you like hikes, gorgeous nature or do you just wish to relax in a picturesque coffee shop with an amazing view?

Then Edinburgh is the ideal destination for your next trip.

The city is compact, and you can discover its main attractions in a couple days. But it is so diverse and charming, that as soon as you are back home, you will want to return as soon as possible.

**Culture**

One of the main draws is the ***Fringe*** festival. For three weeks in summer, professional and independent artists from the whole world gather and it is only your call, which events you will check out. You can choose between theatre plays, stand-up comedy, musicians and many more attractions. Don’t worry about your wallet – hundreds of the productions are completely free.

If you wish to slow down a bit or want to visit Edinburgh outside of the summer season, there are many fascinating places, that are more than happy to welcome you.

Princes Street is the most well-known street in the city, and it is a part of the downtown. Here you can find world-famous brands such as Apple or Primark. When you are done with shopping, perhaps learn a bit about Scottish history. Edinburgh Castle is more than 900 years old and it is one of Scotland’s main symbols. It is the home of the Scottish crown jewels or their most famous cannon, the *Mons Meg*.

The National Museum of Scotland is also popular, mainly for their diverse expositions, which are the perfect afternoon trip for families and individuals alike. Scotland not only gave the world some of its best artists, but also scientists and inventions and the museum does them justice. Big part of the museum is the area dedicated to engineering and machines. Check out historic planes, cars or the first telephone. Space, dinosaurs, or oriental art also have their place.

You find museums boring? Not an issue here. Many of the exhibits are interactive. Get a lampoon of the ground using just the force of your breath or set the daily record in a replica of a Formula 1 car.

**Nature**

Do you like trips to the nature and you don’t care about breaking a little sweat? In that case, ***Arthur’s Seat*** is the place for you. This extinct volcano is popular for its moderate difficulty and convenient location because it is located less than two kilometers from the Edinburgh Castle. The path can be a little steep sometimes, so closed shoes and a bottle of water are a must. But do not be worried about not making it to the top. Locals with dogs and moms with kids scale the Arthur’s seat every day. The view is truly amazing here and you will take breathtaking photographs of the whole city.

If you like nature, but don’t want to raise your heartbeat, we recommend visiting ***The Meadows***, a vast park not far from the city center. Read a book here or practice yoga among the trees.

**Gastronomy**

The stereotypical culinary peak of Scotland is ***haggis***, a combination of intestines, traditionally served inside a sheep’s stomach. You can definitely try this meal in Edinburgh, but if you are a more…conservative eater, do not give up. The city offers a plethora of world cuisine, from French pancakes, the British classic of fish and chips, to delicious burgers. Try ***Oink*** for example, a restaurant serving pork delicacies with three shops across Edinburgh. Stop for a pulled-pork sandwich or the already mentioned haggis.

After that, marvel at the gorgeous streets of Edinburgh with a cup of gourmet coffee. We recommend ***The* Milkman,** a picturesque coffee shoop close to Princes Street. This cozy establishment offers amazing coffee and homemade desserts.

End the day inside of the many authentic Scottish pubs. Watch a football game of one of the local teams, Hearts and Hibernians, play a game of darts or just chat with your friends with a glass of *Tennets* beer in your hand.