

EDINBURGH



Draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea, Edinburgh is one of Europe's most beautiful cities. With buildings and monuments perched atop crags and overshadowed by cliff, it's a city intimately entwined with its landscape.

A must see!

Getting there:

- Dublin: direct flights daily with Ryanair and Aer Lingus.
- Shannon: direct flights on select days with Ryanair.
- Cork: direct flights daily with Aer Lingus.
- Belfast: direct flights daily with Easyjet.

Getting to/from the airport:

Edinburgh International Airport is 12km (8 miles) west of the city centre and is easy to reach thanks to reliable bus & taxi services.

- The **Airlink 100** - frequent bus service between Edinburgh Airport and the city centre. Journey time is about 25 min and tickets cost £3.50 single and £6.00 return. www.flybybus.com

Where to stay:

- **St Christopher's Inn:** 9-13 Market Street - www.st-christophers.co.uk
- **Backpackers Hostel:** 65 Cockburn Street - <http://www.hoppo.com/edinburgh>
- **Smart City Hostel:** 50 Blackfriars St - <http://www.smartcityhostels.com/howtofindus.html>

Top things to do:

- **Edinburgh Castle** - The brooding, black crags of the Castle Rock, shouldering above Princes St Gardens, are the very reason for Edinburgh's existence. Highlights of the castle include the 1 O' Clock Gun (a tradition dating back to 1861) and Mons Meg (one of the oldest cannons in the world!) Adult tickets cost £11
- **Scotts Monument** - or the stair-master 10,000 as we like to call it! This Victorian gothic monument has a series of viewing decks throughout the spiral staircase giving a birds-eye view of the city.
- **National Gallery of Scotland** - One of the world's finest collections of Western art ranging from the middle ages to the present day. Open daily and admission is free.
- **National Museum of Scotland** - The National Museum of Scotland covers culture, science, art and nature, from ancient fossils to Formula 1 racing cars. Open daily and admission is free.
- **Arthurs Seat or Calton Hill** - For those that want to take up the challenge, a walk to either summit will provide you with stunning views overlooking the city.

Nightlife:

- **The Three Sisters** – without a doubt the liveliest pub in Edinburgh. Three adjoining bars with a shared open air courtyard that caters for up to 1500 people!
- **Frankenstein** - 26 George IV Bridge. Frankenstein themed pub in a former church.
- **City Nightclub** - 1a Market Street – One of Edinburgh's top nightclubs hosting top DJs and plenty of student nights!

Insiders Tip:

Tuck into delicious classic British comfort foods at bargain prices at Monster Mash Café - 4a Forrest Road.