

Extending your trip to Scotland's capital?

Edinburgh Explorer Pass

A flexible, convenient and cost-effective way to experience Scotland's great historic attractions. The Explorer Pass is ideal for families, couples, individuals and groups.

There are 77 ticketed properties, from royal castles to the ancient mystical sites of Skara Brae.

Passes can be used on 3 days over a period of 5 days. The price for the passes are seasonal and depend on what days are selected. (approximately £30.00 inclusive of VAT for a 3 Day Explorer pass for 1 adult on 10/06/17).

- ★ Beat the queues at Edinburgh and Stirling Castle.
- ★ 20% discount on audio guides at Edinburgh Castle.
- ★ Free souvenir passport to record your visits.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.edinburghcastle.gov.uk/visit/tickets-prices/explorer-pass>

Free attractions in Edinburgh city centre

📍 Edinburgh, Old Town

The [National Museum of Scotland](#) combines two buildings in one museum. The modern half of this complex on Chambers street opened in 1998 and tells you everything about Scotland from its geological and prehistoric past to its social and political present. The older half with the soaring Victorian atrium is more of a crowd pleaser with galleries covering the natural world, science and technology, art and design, and more.

- Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF
- Opens daily from 10am until 5pm.
- ★ Free entry



The [Scottish Parliament](#) has been in operation since 1999 and has occupied these premises in Holyrood since 2004. The bold design by Catalan architect Enric Miralles was always considered controversial. The best way to appreciate the exterior is to walk up nearby Salisbury Crags and see the complex from above. Visits allow access to the striking main chamber and elegant committee rooms.

- Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
- Opening hours are subject to change, please visit the website for more information.
- ★ Free entry



📍 Edinburgh, New Town

The [National Gallery of Scotland](#) complex houses the city's premier art galleries including the Scottish National Gallery at the Mound, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art on Belford Road and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery on Queen Street.

- The Mound, Edinburgh, EH2 2EL
- 75 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DR
- 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JD
- Opens daily from 10am until 5pm (and until 7pm on Thursdays).

★ Free entry



📍 Inverleith, Edinburgh

The [Royal Botanic Garden](#) was founded in the 17th century as a physic garden at Holyrood. The main garden of four, this central Edinburgh garden covers more than 28 hectares, has a world-class collection of plant species, a selection of cafes and an art gallery.

- 20A Inverleith Row Edinburgh, EH3 5LR
- Opens daily from 10am until 5pm.

★ Free entry



Day trips outside of Edinburgh city centre

📍 East Lothian Beaches

Edinburgh has a beach at Portobello, a suburb with a jolly seaside resort feel. However, beyond the city in East Lothian, the beaches are much more expansive. Easy to reach by car, but only an hour by bus or less time on the train. For more information on walking routes and travel advice please refer to <http://www.visiteastlothian.org/home>.



David Gilmour

📍 Linlithgow Castle, Linlithgow

The striking ruins of the royal residence in Linlithgow is the birthplace of both James V and his daughter Mary, Queen of Scots. In 1603 the official royal residence moved to London and, over the next hundred years, the castle fell into disrepair until it was destroyed by fire in 1746. Now cared for by Historic Scotland, Linlithgow castle can be reached by Scotrail train from Edinburgh Waverley in approximately 20 minutes. The town sits along the Union canal, with places to eat and drink located on the nearby High Street.



Hamish Irvine

📌 **The Falkirk Wheel, Falkirk**

Operational since 2002, the wheel forms a crucial part of the Millennium Link project that reconnected Edinburgh and Glasgow by canal, a means of transport that had been allowed to slowly decay since the 1930s. Boats sail into the huge rotating lift and are raised, or lowered, 24 metres from one canal to the other. It's a remarkable piece of contemporary engineering and an attraction in its own right with a visitor centre, café, and boat trips. You can take the Scotrail train from Edinburgh Waverley to Falkirk High which takes 25 minutes and then walk 3.5km along the Union Canal towpath that passes immediately south of the station.



Paisley Scotland

📌 **The Kelpies, Falkirk**

Close to the Falkirk wheel is Helix Park, home to the Kelpies: two monumental sculptures depicting the heads of mythical water horses, each nearly 100 feet high, built of steel and new, only open to the public since spring 2014.



Unknown

For more information please refer to the below websites:

Trip Advisor: https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186525-Activities-Edinburgh_Scotland.html

TimeOut: <https://www.timeout.com/edinburgh/things-to-do/the-20-great-things-to-do-in-edinburgh>

Visit Scotland: <https://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/attractions/free/edinburgh/>