

A –Z in Edinburgh.

This is not a definitive list, rather an easy snapshot to capture some Edinburgh essentials. List has address/ postcode, followed by tel. number, and then web address.

A

Airport – EH12 9DN, Tel 0870 040 0007 . www.edinburghairport.com, buses to & from Airport, Tel. 0131 555 6363.

Ambulance – Dial 999 (in emergency only)

Arthur's Seat – Spectacular views from the top of this dormant volcano

B

Banks – Bank of Scotland www.bankofscotland.co.uk

- Royal Bank of Scotland www.rbs.co.uk

Buses – Lothian buses. Tel 0131 555 6363. www.lothianbuses.co.uk

- First Group buses. Tel 01324 602 20. www.firstgroup.com

Business Services – Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, 27 Melville Street, EH3 7JF. Tel 0131 477 7000. www.edinburghchamber.co.uk

- Scottish Enterprise, Apex house, 99 Haymarket Terrace, EH12 5HD. Tel.0131 313 4000. www.scottishenterprise.com

Butchers – Crombies of Edinburgh, 36 Clerk Street, Tel 0131 662 9494. www.sausages.co.uk

Bakers – Peter's Yard, 27 Simpson Loan, EH3 9GG, 07513 520 891, www.petersyard.com

Britania – The Royal Yacht, based at Ocean Terminal, Leith, Tel 0131 555 5566,

www.royalyachtbritannia.co.uk

Bus tours – daily from outside Waverley train station. www.edinburghtour.com

Bookshops – Waterstones, 83 George Street, Tel. 0131 225 3436 www.waterstones.co.uk

-Ottakar's, 57 George Street, Tel 0131 225 4495 www.ottakars.co.uk

Bars – situated all over the city, with the plushiest in George Street, and the oldest being on the Royal Mile and Grassmarket

Botanics – Botanical Gardens providing an Oasis in the Inverleith area, great views of the castle, 20A Inverleith Row, EH3 5LR, Tel 0131 552 7171 www.rbge.ork.uk

C

Calton Hill – nice view looking west down Princes Street, for that classic Edinburgh skyline pic.

Coffee Shops – Starbucks located across the city, nearest at present is 55 Forrest Road, Tel 0131 220 5543, www.starbucks.com

- The Elephant house, (rumoured to be the birthplace of Harry Potter) 21 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EN, Tel 0131 220 5355, www.elephant-house.co.uk

Citizens Advice – 58 Dundas Street, EH3 6QZ, Tel 0131 557 1500

www.citizensadviceedinburgh.co.uk

Cowgate – lively area of pubs & clubs, but take care!

Chemists - Boots, 141 Princes Street, EH2 4BL, Tel 0131 225 4615, www.boots.com

- Superdrug, 70 Nicholson Street, EH8 9DT Tel 0131 667 5070 www.superdrug.com

Cinemas – Dominion, 18 Newbattle Terrace, EH10 4RT, Tel 0131 447 4771. The way cinemas used to be (but better)

- Cineworld, 130 Dundee Street, EH11 1AF, Tel 0131 228 8788, www.cineworld.co.uk

- Wester Hailles, 120 Wester Hailles Road, EH14 3HR, Tel 0871 224 4007

- Vue, 21 York Place, Tel 0131 557 3906

Camera Obscura – Castlehill, EH1 2ND. Tel 0131 226 3709. www.cameraobscura.co.uk

D

Dynamic Earth – Holyrood Road , EH8 8AS. Tel 0131 550 7800, www.dynamicearth.co.uk

Interactive exhibits about our planet

Delis – Valvona & Crolla, 19 Elm Row, near top of Leith Walk, EH7 4AA, Tel 0131 556 6066

www.valvonacrolla.co.uk Top quality institution going since 1934

Department store – John Lewis, 69 St.. James Centre, EH1 3SP, Tel 0131 556 9121,

www.johnlewis.co/edinburgh

Deep Sea World – Forthside Terrace, North Queensferry, Fife, KY11 1LR. Tel 01383 411 880.

www.info@deepseaworld.co.uk

Dentists – Edinburgh Dental Hospital, 1 Laurieston Place, EH3 9YW, Tel 0131 536 4900, free treatment 9am -3pm Mon – Fri although you will still need to book.

E

ESPC – (Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre) , George Street, www.espc.co.uk

Edinburgh Castle – The Royal Mile, EH21 2NG. Tel 0131 225 9846. www.historicscotland.co.uk

F

Festival – Annual event, biggest arts festival in the world, August www.eif.co.uk

Fringe – Accompanies the festival, August www.edfringe.com

Fire brigade – dial 999 (in emergency only)

Football – Hibernian Football Club, www.hibs.co.uk

- Heart of Midlothian Football Club, www.heartsfcpremiumtv.co.uk

G

George Street. – Elegant shopping & stylish bars abound

Golf - wide range of municipal courses across the city (6 courses) www.edinburghleisure.co.uk

Greyfriars Bobby – Famous dog who guarded his masters grave at the nearby Greyfriars Cemetary

Galleries – National Gallery, The Mound, EH2, Tel 0131 624 6200, www.nationalgalleries.org

- Scottish Gallery of Modern Art & Dean Gallery, 73 Belford Road, EH4 3DR,

www.gmainfo@nationalgalleries.org

- Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, EH2 1JD,

www.pginfo@nationalgalleries.org

H

Hard Rock Café - 18 George Street, EH2 2PF, Tel 0131 260 3000, www.hardrock.com

Herbal Medicines - Napiers, 35 Hamilton Place, EH3 5BA

Hospitals – Royal Infirmary, 51 Little France Crescent, Old Dalkeith Road, EH39 4PU

High Street – see Royal Mile

Hairdressers – Brian Drumm, www.briandrumm.co.uk

- Mosko, 17 North Bridge, EH1 1SB, Tel 0131 557 6968

Harvey Nichols – Chic Shopping, 30 -34 St Andrews Square, EH2 2AD, Tel 0131 524 8350,

www.harveynichols.com

Holyrood – Scottish Parliament building, Horse Wynd, EH99 1SP, Tel 0131 348 5000,

www.scottishparliament.uk

- Palace, official residence of the Royal Family in Scotland, www.royal.gov.uk

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Haggis – available from all good butchers & department stores, Scotland's national dish

I

Information centre 3 Princes Street, EH2 2QP, Tel 0845 22 55 121 www.edinburgh.org

J

Jewellers – Hamilton & Inches, 87 George Street, EH2 3EY, Tel 0131 225 4898. www.hamiltonand inches.com

Jenners – known as the Harrods of Edinburgh, 48 Princes St, EH2 2YJ, Tel 0131 225 2442, www.houseoffraser.co.uk

Kilts – Many kilt makers are situated on the Royal Mile and Princes Street. www.hector-russel.com
Geoffrey Kilts, 57 59 High Street, EH1 1SR, Tel 0131 557 0256 www.geoffreykilts.co.uk, L

L'alba d'Oro - Fish & Chip shop par excellence, with adjacent Anima pizzeria serving great fare. 5 -9
Henderson Row, EH3 5DH, Tel 0131 557 2580, www.lalbadoro.com

Leith – Historic port of Edinburgh and home to the Royal Yacht, many restaurants, bars & shopping

Library – Central Library, City Chambers, High Street, EH1 1YJ, Tel 0131 200 2323
www.edinburgh.gov.uk

M

Macdonalds – 137 Princes Street, Tel 0131 226 3872, www.mcdonalds.co.uk other sites around the city too.

Mound – name given to steep road leading up from Princes Street to the Royal Mile

Museum of Scotland – Chamber Street., EH1 1JF. Tel 0131 247 4422. www.nms.ac.uk, also includes the Royal Museum which is adjoining

Music Stores – HMV 129-130a Princes Street, Tel 0131 225 7008, www.hmv.co.uk

- Virgin 124 -125 Princes Street, Tel 0131 220 2230.
www.virgin.com/megastore/uk

N

Newspapers – The Scotsman is the National broadsheet, www.scotsman.com

- The Edinburgh Evening News is the daily Edinburgh evening paper,

Nightclubs - Lulu, 125b George Street, Tel 0131 225 5075, basement club below chic Tigerlilly hotel, www.luluedinburgh

O

Obsevatory – at Blackford Hill. Stunning vistas of Edinburgh, and you can drive most of the way up! EH9 3HJ, Tel 0131 668 8404, www.roe.ac.uk/roe/heritage/index

Office services – Serviced Offices: The Edinburgh Office, 16 -26 Forth Street, EH1 3LH, www.edinburghoffice.co.uk

Opticians Dolland & Aitchison , Castlehill, Tel 0131 558 1149, www.danda.co.uk/opticians/scotland/edinburgh

P

Parking – beware parking without a valid ticket, parking wardens & tow trucks are swift & merciless! www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking, for parking in West End try NCP, Castle Terrace, EH1 2EW, Tel 0131 229 2870, and East End try NCP Greenside Place, EH1 3AA, Tel 0131 558 3518

Parks – Enjoy Princes Street Gardens, or try Inverleith Park, many others exist around the city

Princes St – Main street opposite the castle, mainly cheap/shabby shops however.

Post Office - 79 Nicholson Street, EH8 9BZ, Tel 0131 667 3581

Police - dial 999 (in emergency only)

R

Rugby – Murrayfield Stadium, Murrayfield, EH12 5PJ, Tel. 0131 346 5044. www.scottishrugby.org

Royal Mile – name given to the High Street, stretching from Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace

S

Scott Monument – Stunning memorial to famous writer, Sir Walter Scott, Princes Street Gardens, Tel 0131 529 4068 www.edinburgharchitecture.co.uk/scott_monument

Shopping – The Gyle, large mall to west of city www.gyleshopping.co.uk

- Cameron Toll, mall to south of city www.camerontoll.co.uk

- St. James Centre, mall to east of city www.stjamesshopping.com

Supermarkets – Tesco Metro, 94 Nicholson Street, EH8 9EW, www.tesco.com

Smoking – now barred in enclosed places in Scotland

T

Taxis – readily available by flagging down, for booking try citycabs, 1A Atholl Place, EH3 8AP, Tel 0131 228 1211 www.citycabs.co.uk

Trains – Tel. 08457 484 950. www.scotrail.co.uk or www.railtrack.co.uk

Theatres – Festival Theatre, 13-29 Nicholson Street, EH, Tel 0131 529 6000, www.eft.co.uk

- Pleasance Theatre, 60 Pleasance, Tel 0131 556 1513, www.pleasance.co.uk

- Kings Theatre, 2 Leven Street, EH3 9LQ, Tel 0131 529 6000, www.eft.co.uk

- Royal Lyceum Theatre, 30B Grindlay Street, EH3 9AX, Tel 0131 248 4800,

www.lyceum.org

- Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, EH1 2ED, Tel 0131 228 1404 www.traverse.co.uk

- Bedlam Theatre, 11b Bristo Place, EH1 1EZ, Tel 0131 225 9873

www.bedlam.eusa.ed.ac.uk/

- Churchill Theatre, 33 Morningside Road, EH10 4DR, Tel 0131 447 0111 ,

www.assemblyroomsedinburgh.co.uk/churchill.phtml

Tourist Board - see information centre

U

Usher Hall - Concert Hall, Lothian Road, EH1 2EA, Tel 0131 228 1155, www.usherhall.co.uk

Universities – Edinburgh, large campus across the city, www.ed.ac.uk

- Napier, large campus across the city, www.napier.ac.uk

- Heriot Watt, large campus to the west of the city, www.hw.ac.uk

V

Victoria Street – charming winding road leading from George IV Bridge to the Grassmarket

W

Whisky – Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre, Castlehill, Tel 0131 220 0441 www.whisky_heritage.co.uk

Z

Zoo – Corstorphine Road, Tel 0131 334 9171, www.edinburghzoo.org.uk