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Welcome to Edinburgh

Edinburgh is one of Britain's most beautiful and dramatic cities, with its castle perched on the summit of ancient crags and the medieval maze of the Old Town gazing across verdant gardens to the elegant Georgian squares and streetscapes of the New Town. History and architecture are leavened with vibrant bars, innovative restaurants and Scotland's most stylish shops.





Cityscape view from Calton Hill (p97)

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Top Sights

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Edinburgh Castle

Scotland's most popular tourist attraction. **p36**

Real Mary King's Close

Lost world beneath the streets. **p40**

National Museum of Scotland

Treasure house of Scottish culture. **p42**

