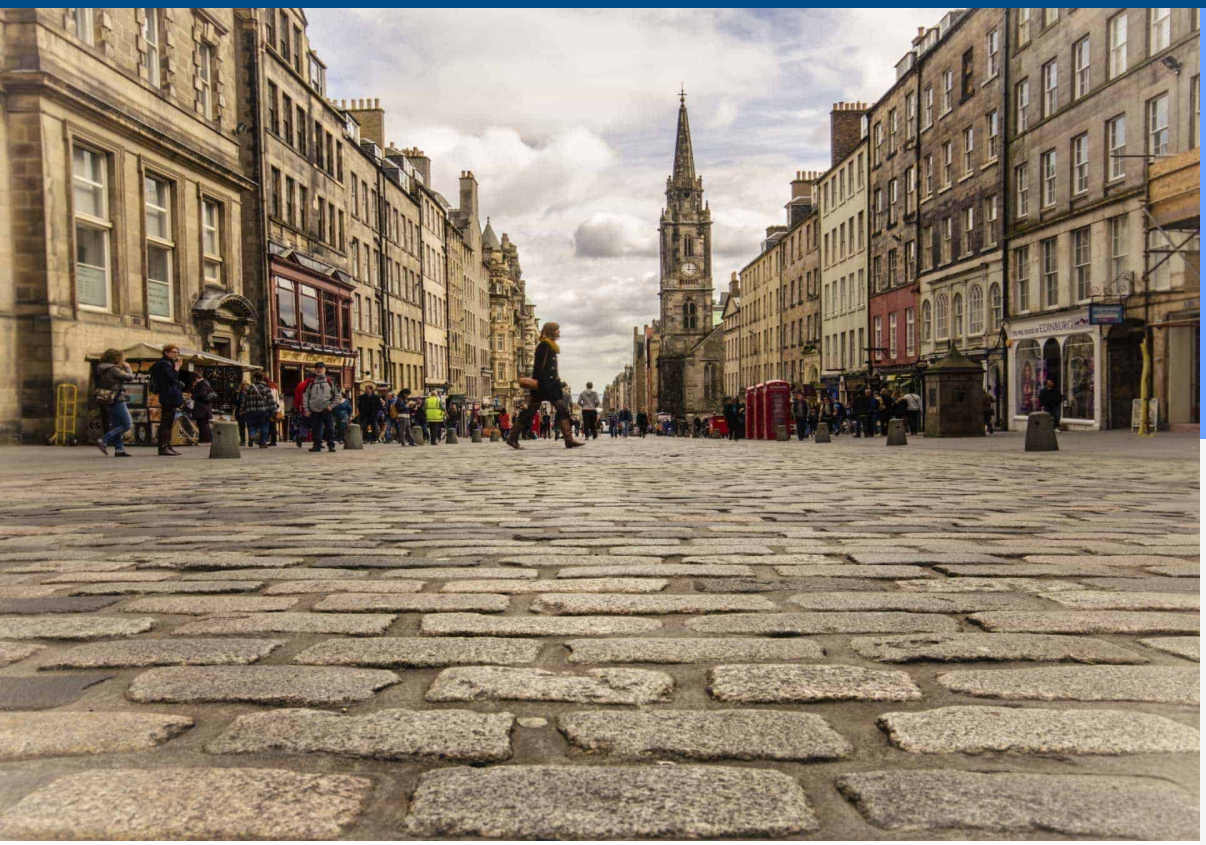
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Edinburgh Festival Fringe Small Group Tour

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Odyssey offers easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tours across Scotland and beyond into the British isles. We explore Edinburgh's heritage, its World Heritage Sites, and world famous city attractions. This and more is all waiting to be explored on one of Odyssey's small group tours, designed for the senior traveller, and led by experienced, and enthusiastic like minded people

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Explore the world's largest arts festival celebrating its 77th anniversary in 20243. The Edinburgh Festival Fringe, born from eight theatre groups who turned up uninvited at the postwar Edinburgh International Festival in 1947, is among the most celebrated of all the festivals in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 2024, it runs from 2 August to 26 August. The full programme launch is on the 8th of June, however some shows will be revealed from mid February.

This extraordinary festival encompasses almost an entire month's worth of theatre, cabaret, children's shows, experimental performance art, circus, comedy, and dance. Every year, an eclectic showcase of new and established artists and street performers from across the globe turn unconventional venues into performance spaces. Known for experimentation, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe feature free, paid, and pay-what-you-want programmes, giving us the opportunity to see and hear plenty of performances in this art festival. On this educational tour, we experience nine enthralling days of the Fringe.

In the world's first City of Literature (UNESCO, 2004), Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, will also be explored on this tour. While the Fringe is the tour's highlight, we will embark on walking tours around this fascinating city. Numerous sightseeing opportunities promise something for everyone.

You will also have free time to explore the city at your own pace. This visit to Edinburgh can take you to the Royal Mile, which runs downhill and book-ended by Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the British monarch's official residence in Scotland. The iconic Royal Mile in itself is an attraction, with its cobbled streets and wynds (minor streets) branching out of the main road, as well as countless historic buildings. You can also check out the Royal Yacht Britannia, which used to be the nautical residence of the Royal Family, and is now a five-star tourist attraction. Indulge in local Scottish food and whiskey tastings at charming city bars, or relax at the pubs on High Street. Get ready to experience what the United Kingdom's art hub has to offer.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Small Group Tour Highlights

A few of the Fringe's past performances included in this programme:

- Nina Conti: Work in Progress
- Choir of Man
- Baby Wants Candy: The Completely Improvised Full Band
- Havana After Dark
- Soweto Gospel Choir
- Alexei Sayle
- Ruby Wax
- Academic 2
- Hyprov

As the exhaustive programme is only published when bookings for performances open in June each year, tour selections and the updated itinerary will be confirmed closer to the date.

Please note that the performances mentioned in the current itinerary are from past performances and are included here to give you an idea of the mix of sightseeing and performance attendance on this tour. The itinerary will be updated with the new performances before the 2024 tour begins.



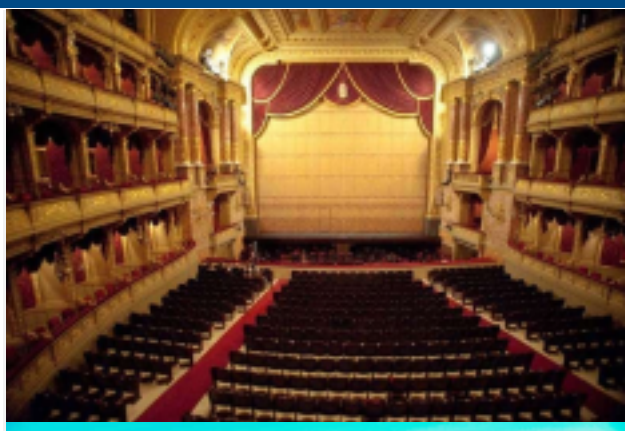


Secure Your Place at The Fringe

You can learn more about Britain and Scotland with our profiles where all the other tour departures are listed as well. For further information, check out the 'Top 5' or 'Itinerary' pages above. To make a booking, please call, send us an email, or simply fill in the form on the right hand

side of this page.

Odyssey aims to secure accommodation in central Edinburgh, at the heart of the festival. **Due to high demand for such locations, early booking for this tour is advised.**







Highlights

1. Explore Edinburgh on foot
2. Experience the quirkiness of the famous Edinburgh Festival Fringe
3. Indulge in local food and Scottish whiskey tastings at local bars
4. Immerse yourself in the vibrant, cosmopolitan city
5. Enjoy the nightlife

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, you will make our own way to the hotel. An introductory meeting and dinner to familiarize ourselves with one another will be held at the hotel.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar



Day 2

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

After breakfast at the hotel, we embark on an orientation tour of Edinburgh with our tour leader. The walking tour will bring you to a diverse range of sights and monuments.

In the early afternoon, you will have some spare time to explore the city at our own pace.

In the mid afternoon, we will meet for our first performance. Enjoy unique interpretations of international classics by the two-time Grammy award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir. They have performed for many world leaders including Nelson Mandela, the British Royal Family, Desmond Tutu, and former US President, Barack Obama.

Come early evening, we make our way to the oldest bookshop in town, Blackwells, for a glimpse into Scotland's literary scene.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 3

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

This morning, the tour leader will hold a festival orientation; learn about the Fringe and its cultural significance in great detail.

We will then visit the National Galleries of Scotland. From surrealism, contemporary art, to historic photography, their astounding collection is not to be missed. More information on the featured exhibition will be released closer to the date.

The afternoon will be free for you to soak in the city before we attend Alexei Sayle's stand-up comedy show in the evening. A well-known comedian, Sayle's career spans varied works as novelist, actor, and columnist.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 4

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

This morning is free for you to enjoy the city and the festival.

After lunch, we will attend a performance by two of the oldest and best a cappella groups from the University of Cambridge. Get ready for some jazz, soul, and pop music.

Afterwards, we will see Ruby Wax's *Frazzled.* Based on her book *A Mindfulness Guide for the Frazzled* wherein she uncovers the secrets of the mind, learn practical tips on mindfulness from an actress, author, and mental health campaigner.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 5

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

The day is free for you to explore the festival at your own pace and watch any events and performances that most appeal to you.

We highly recommend you to pre-book tickets to any shows via the Fringe's website to avoid missing out.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 6

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

The morning is free for you to enjoy the city at your own pace.

We meet at lunch for a talk with Allan Little, former BBC reporter, special correspondent, and presenter of Radio 4's Today programme. Little is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster who has covered many important historical moments, such as the Gulf War in 1991 from

Baghdad, the break-up of Yugoslavia, the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, among others.

Afterwards, we make our way to the National Museum of Scotland. More information on the featured exhibition will be released closer to the date.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 7

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

Once again, the day is free for you to explore the festival at your own pace, and enjoy the events and performances that most appeal to you.

We highly recommend you to pre-book tickets via the Fringe's website to avoid missing out.

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 8

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

The morning is free for you to explore the festival and the city.

In the afternoon, we will watch *The Accidental Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. This play follows Sherlock Holmes as he attempts to track down a criminal mastermind. Filled with plot twists, meta-fiction, and twisted logic, it is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Come evening, we will walk to a local restaurant to sample Scottish whiskey and enjoy dinner together. Improv legends Mike McShane and Colin Mochrie, and master hypnotist Asad Mecci will complete our evening. We will join these three amazing artists for a mind-blowing, side-splitting show — *Hyprov: Improve under Hypnosis* – crafted from

the subconscious of each night's audience!

Accommodation:

Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge or similar

Day 9

Locations: Edinburgh

Overview:

After breakfast, our tour concludes.

Inclusions / Exclusions

Tour Inclusions

- 8 nights of hotel accommodation.
- 8 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 1 whiskey tasting.
- 4 tickets for Fringe performances.
- Detailed preparatory information.
- Services of a Tour Leader for the duration of the tour.

What's Not Included in Our Tour

- Return international airfare and departure taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls and laundry.

Level 1 - Introductory to Moderate

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, moderate walking on uneven surfaces for 3 - 5 kilometres per day. Suitable for most fitness levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for further information about this tour or any others offered by Odyssey Travel.