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Single Room

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30th December 2023**5 days**

Duration

**Scotland**

Destination

**Level 1 - Introductory to  
Moderate**

Activity

## Edinburgh City Tour

Jun 15 2023 to Jun 19 2023

### Edinburgh City Tour

Explore the city of Edinburgh (and take a trip to Glasgow for a day) on a small group tour with Odyssey Traveller.

The capital of Scotland since the 15th century, Edinburgh is the seat of Scottish government and the location of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland. It has been inhabited since the Stone Age, and was used as a strategic location by the Romans in Britain, who built the Antonine Wall as its northernmost defence, and the Celtic tribe Votadini, who occupied the Castle Rock site. Castle Rock was referred to as the stronghold Din Eidyn ("Eidyn's

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Hill Fort”), which provides the roots of the city’s modern name: *Eidyn* and *burh*, which means “fortress”.

This small group tour is offered to travellers who are seeking a five-day extension in the city as part of one of the Odyssey Traveller small group escorted tours.

The tour stays in a centrally located hotel in Edinburgh. Each day we set out on a trip to explore various parts of the city, typically using public transport, taxis and the rail network to reach the destinations selected, taking in 2-3 key features or attractions of the city. We will be aided by knowledgeable, local tour guides who share the ancient, classical, and recent history of the city with the group as we explore.

## Typical Edinburgh City Tour Highlights:

- Castle Rock is now the site of **Edinburgh Castle**, which dominates the skyline of the city and is only one of the many attractions on offer. Edinburgh Castle is home to the Scottish Crown Jewels and the **National War Museum of Scotland**, and is often included in our tours that stop in Edinburgh due to its historical importance and medieval splendour. The One o’Clock gun is fired from the castle (except on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas) in a time-keeping tradition that dates back to 1861.
- Every Saturday, the Castle Terrace in the shadow of the fortress hosts the **Edinburgh Farmers’ Market**. Here you will find more than 50 specialist producers selling Scottish venison, organic mushrooms from the Highlands, handmade pies and other Scottish specialities. The castle is at one end of the **Royal Mile**, which runs downhill and ends at the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**. The 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 including the Parliament and St Giles Cathedral. The history of the Royal Mile will be shared by a local tour guide.

- Part of the Palace of Holyroodhouse is **Holyrood Park**, which in the 12th century was a royal park and a hunting estate. Now a public park, this hilly, natural sanctuary is just a few minutes' walk from the Royal Mile. The park is a perfect place to stretch your legs and relax, with its well-maintained paths to Edinburgh's highest point, Arthur's Seat. This peak provides an unforgettable panoramic view of the city.
- Travel to Dundee for the day to visit the V&A as well as Scott's ship Discovery.
- High tea at the **Signet Library** in Parliament Square
- Spend one day in Glasgow taking in the **Kelvingrove Art Gallery** with its famous Salvador Dali, as well as a guided tour of Merchant City.
- Travelling by train to the seaside University town of St Andrews and enjoy beautiful landscapes on the road.

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## Highlights

1. Explore key places in Edinburgh to gain an understanding of this historic city.
2. Travel to Glasgow for a day by train to enjoy a day exploring Merchant city. See Christ of St John at Kelvingrove.
3. Take high tea in the Signet library
4. Walk the Royal mile of Edinburgh, enjoy a tour of Edinburgh's art gallery
5. Travel to Dundee to see the V&A museum.

## Itinerary

## Day 1

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Full day exploring Edinburgh on foot and public transport with local guides.

**Accommodation:**

Motel One Royal, Edinburgh Royal Mile.

## Day 2

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Full day exploring Edinburgh on foot and public transport with local guides.

**Accommodation:**

Motel One Royal, Edinburgh Royal Mile.

## Day 3

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Today after breakfast, we travel across to Glasgow for the day on the train, travelling from city to centre.

**Accommodation:**

Motel One Royal, Edinburgh Royal Mile.

## Day 4

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Full day exploring Edinburgh on foot and public transport with local guides.

**Accommodation:**

Motel One Royal, Edinburgh Royal Mile.

## Day 5

**Locations:** Edinburgh

**Overview:**

Tour concludes after breakfast.

## Inclusions / Exclusions

### What's included in our Tour

- 5 nights of hotel accommodation.
- 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners.
- All entry fees and services of local expert/guide where relevant.
- Services of a Tour Leader for the duration of tour.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Detailed preparatory information.

### What's not included in our Tour

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

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### **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.

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