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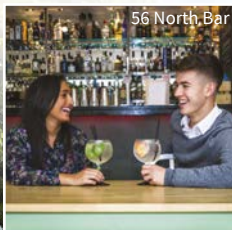
This is your guide to some of the best places to visit in and around one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in Europe.

Using this Guide...

We'll give you the lowdown on some of the best things to see and do; shops, attractions, restaurants, bars and cafes, and plenty more - all you have to do is explore and enjoy them!

For simplicity, we've split the Guide into seven sections; getting around, attractions, tours, speciality shops, eating & drinking, museums & galleries, and nightlife.

To make sure you don't get lost in Edinburgh's warren of loons, wynds and closes, everything listed in the Guide is pinpointed on the maps on pages 6-9.



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Frank Ross

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Whether this is your first trip with us or a return visit, there is no shortage of things to see and do. I'm certain this guide will offer you plenty of ideas for places to visit, restaurants to try and suggestions for where to shop.



Edinburgh Festival

As I'm sure you'll soon discover, Edinburgh really is blessed with a rich cultural diversity and is totally unique compared to the rest of the United Kingdom. Named Europe's most influential small city by Colliers, Edinburgh is also regularly voted one of the very best places in the world to live, work and visit.

I highly recommend exploring Edinburgh on foot, if you can, for the most breath-taking views and to discover hidden gems at every turn. We also have one of the best transport networks in

the country, with Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams offering round the clock accessible transport at an affordable price. The trams conveniently connect York Place, in the city centre, to Edinburgh Airport.

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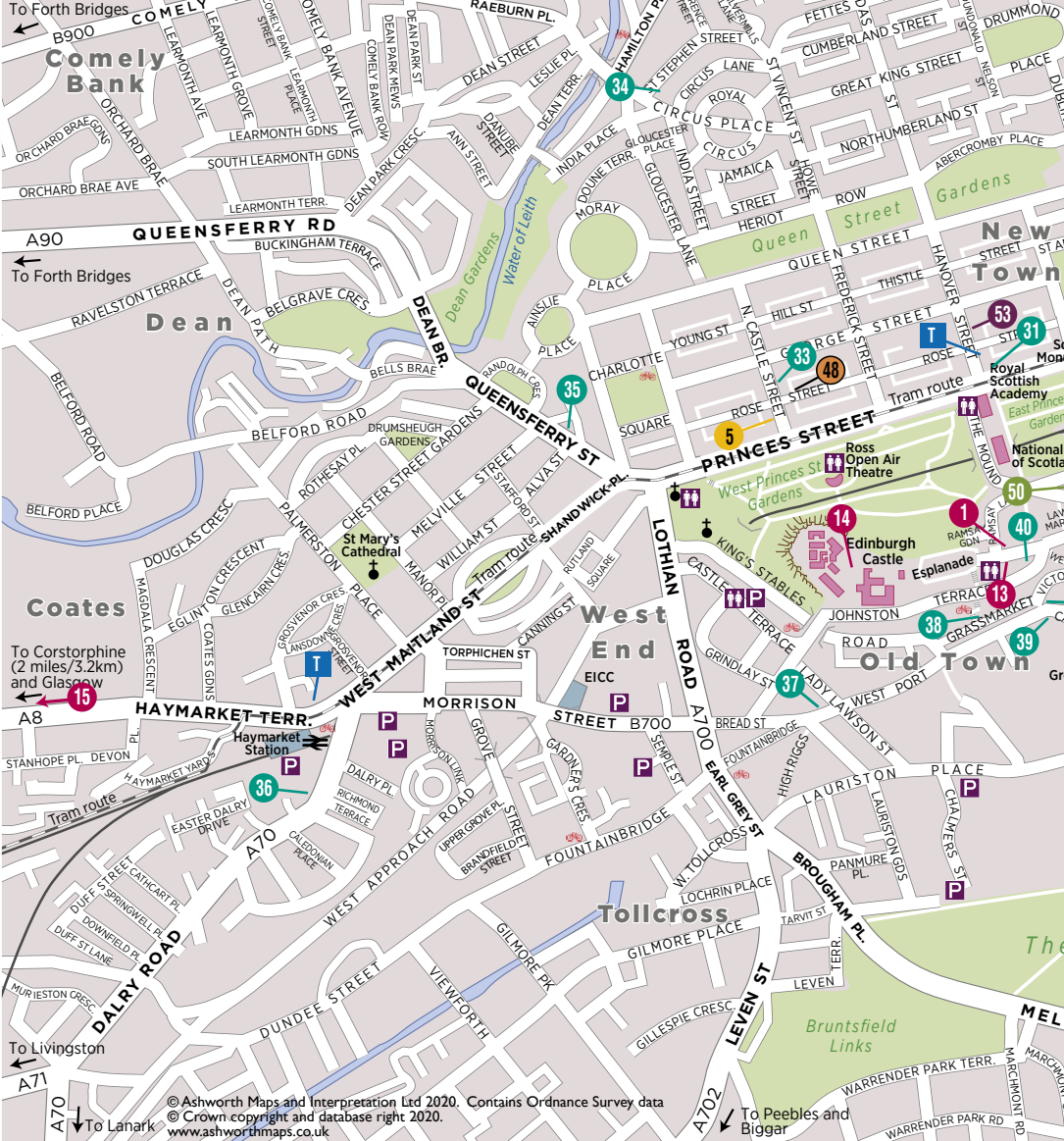
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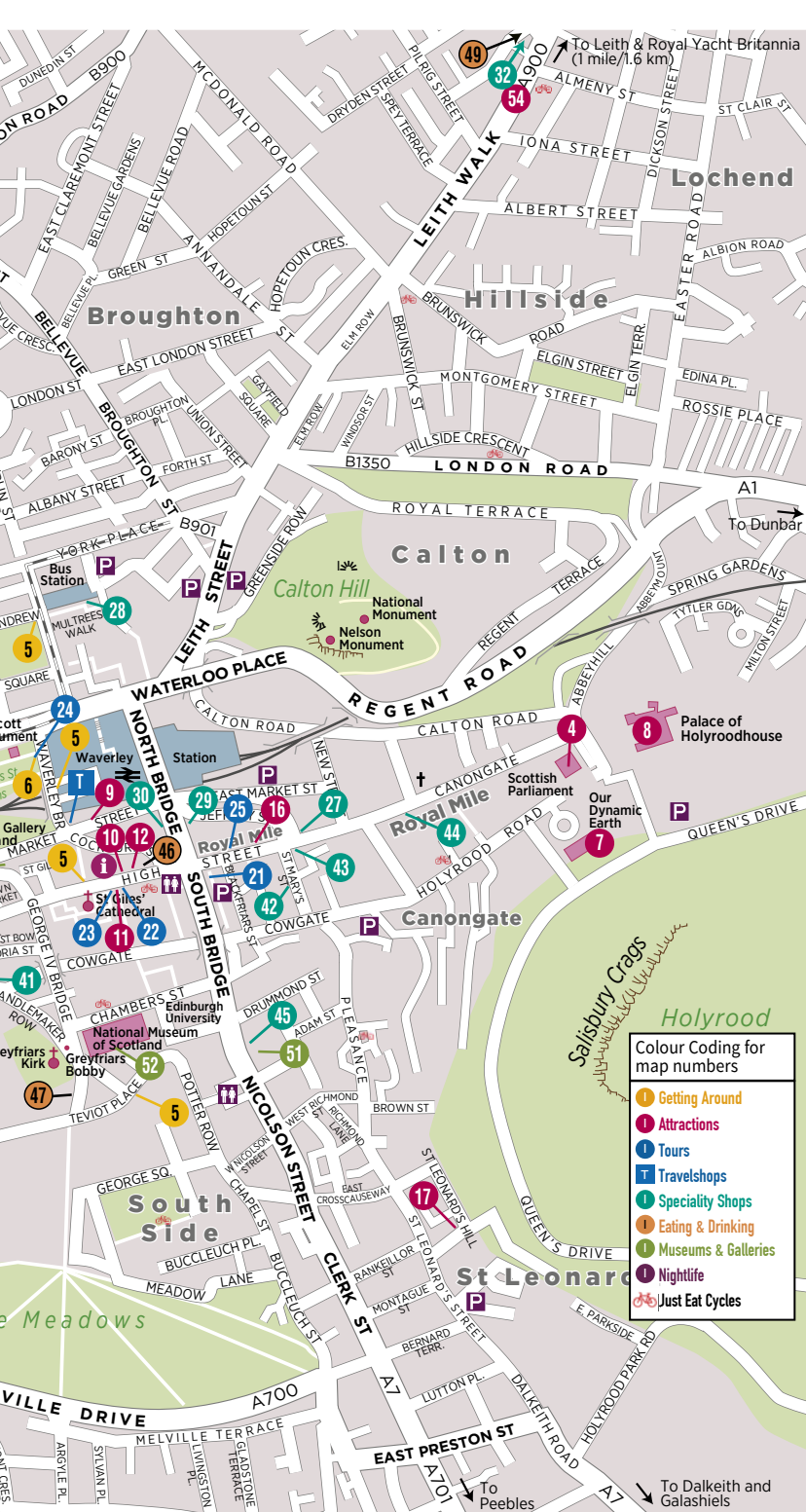


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Well established by 1100, Edinburgh was recognised as the capital of Scotland by 1350. The Old Town stretches, like a herringbone, down the ridge below the Castle with just one major street and a host of narrow closes (alleys) leading directly off it. Try walking down any of the closes and you'll soon realise how steep this ridge is!

A New Town

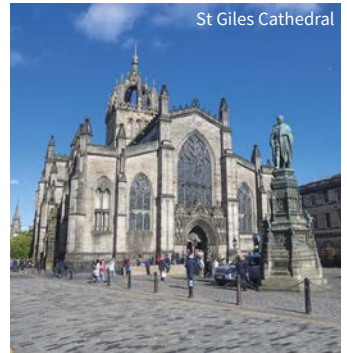
The big improvement came in the late 1700s. The town council bought farmland to the north and announced a competition to build a new town there. This was won in 1766 by a 26 year old architect, James Craig. The Georgian New Town that you see today, with its wide straight streets, large open spaces and individual houses, is much as he designed it.

By the end of the 18th century most well off residents had moved north from the Old Town

to the spacious New Town. Visit the Georgian House in Charlotte Square with its large drawing room and dining room to get an excellent idea of how people once lived and entertained.

The Heart of Edinburgh

Stop outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh's principal church for over a thousand years. This is the heart of Edinburgh. Beside St Giles in Parliament Square are the original Scottish Parliament Building, completed in 1639 and in use until the Union with England in 1707, the Law Courts and the burgh's Mercat or Market Cross.



Key Fortress

One of the strongest fortresses in the kingdom, Edinburgh Castle has been at the centre of Scottish life for more than 900 years. It has served as a royal palace, arsenal, gun foundry, state prison, place of safe-keeping for the Crown Jewels, and more recently as an infantry barracks.

Before you reach the Castle, pause on the esplanade, laid out in 1753 as a parade ground for troops. This was the spot where in the 16th and 17th centuries more than 300 women, accused of being witches, were burned to death at the stake.



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Another great way of getting from one end of the city to the other is by tram. Edinburgh's tram runs from Edinburgh Airport to York Place in the east end of the city centre, with regular stops on popular places such as Princes Street and Haymarket Train Station.

If you fancy travelling further afield, Glasgow,

a lively, bustling place, distinctive and full of character, is less than an hour away from Edinburgh Waverley with trains departing every 15 mins. Or take a ride on Scotland's newest railway line, the Borders Railway. Stop off at Newtongrange for the nearby National Mining Museum, alight at Galashiels for bus and taxi connections to the surrounding Borders Towns, or stay on to the end of the line at Tweedbank and visit Abbotsford House.

The beautiful, historic city of Stirling (with its own castle to rival Edinburgh's) is 50 mins away by rail, or Falkirk (for the Falkirk Wheel and The Kelpies), Linlithgow, North Berwick and Dunfermline are all within 30-35 mins.



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At the other end of the Royal Mile are Dynamic Earth, Scotland's geological attraction with

exploding volcanoes and freezing icebergs, and royal residence the Palace of Holyroodhouse. For a fun filled day not far from the city centre visit Edinburgh Zoo. In the Borders explore Abbotsford, home of writer Sir Walter Scott, on the banks of the Tweed.

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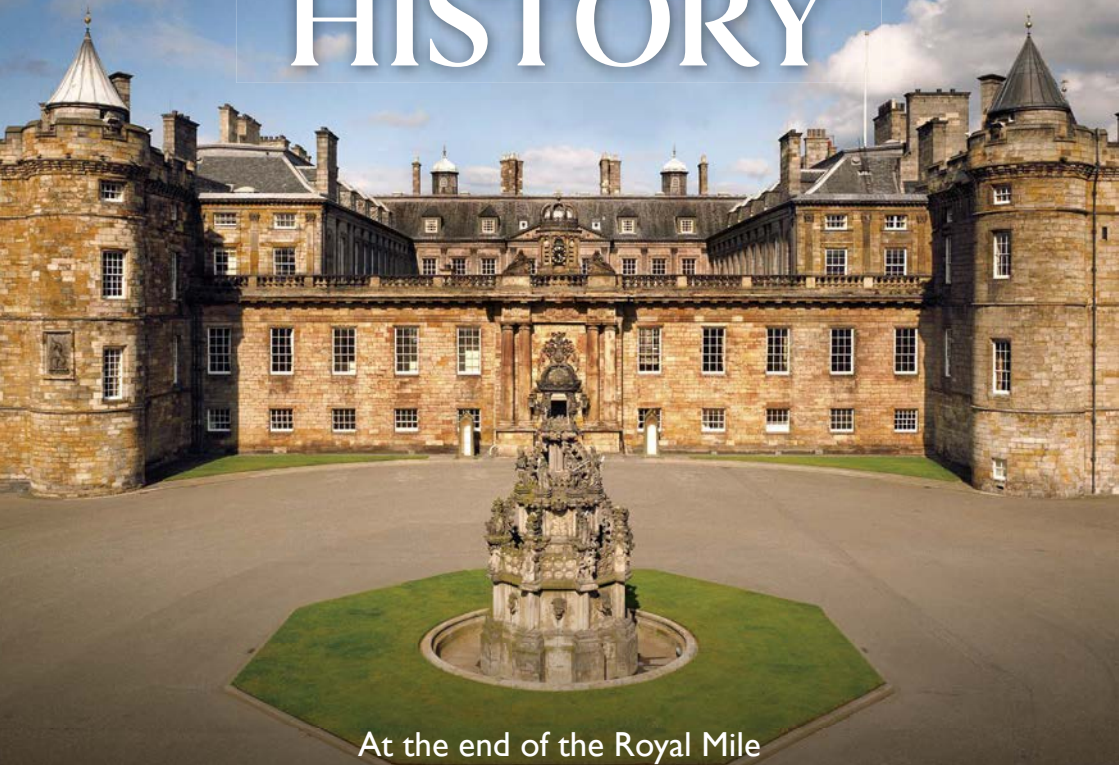
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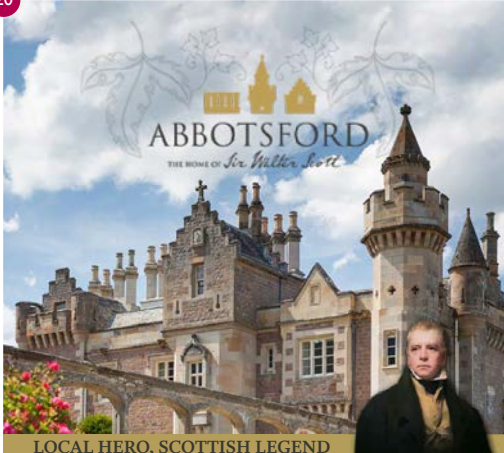


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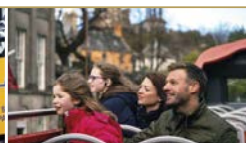


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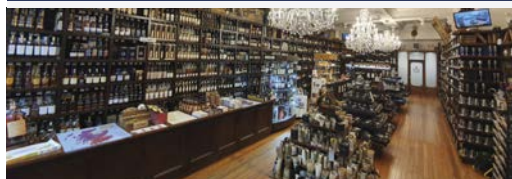
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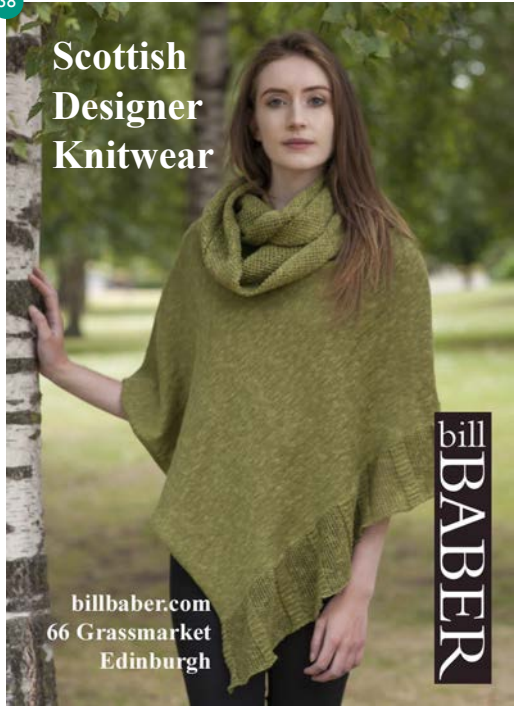
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