

# Eating Out in Edinburgh

Lunch is provided in the Chapterhouse at 15 South College Street on Monday 6 December only. On other days you are free to explore the many sandwich shops and cafés nearby. The workshop dinner will be on Wednesday 8 December at 19.00 in The Magnum Restaurant, 1 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3PY.

Edinburgh is not short of restaurants, bars and cafés. Restaurants listed in the Central/South Edinburgh list are fairly close to George Square. Further options can be found on <http://www.list.co.uk/>.

Places to eat in the evening (from an international mobile phone, please dial +44 131 followed by the phone number)

## Central/South Edinburgh

Creelers 220 4447	3 Hunter Square Emphasis is on shellfish.
David Bann's 556 5888	56-58 St Mary's Street Excellent modern vegetarian cuisine.
Blonde Restaurant 668 2917	75 St Leonard's Street Scottish/European cuisine; an ICMS favourite.
Elephant House 220 5355	21 George IV Bridge Café, famous for being the "birthplace of Harry Potter"
Kalpna 667 9890	2/3 St Patrick's Square Very popular vegetarian Indian restaurant.
Kilimanjaro Coffee 622 0135	Nicolson Street (next to Tesco) Independent coffee shop with excellent coffee and scones
Kushi's Diner 667 4871	32b West Nicolson Street Excellent value. Informal Indian café.
Monster Mash 225 7069	20 Forrest Road Café specialised in "bangers and mash". Excellent value.
Peter's Yard 228 58 76	27 Simpson Loan Swedish bakery, perfect for breakfast and lunch
Spoon 557 4567	6a Nicolson Street Café with good lunch choices, coffee and cake

Tang's  
220 5000

44 Candlemaker Row  
Excellent sushi

### **North of the Royal Mile**

The Circle Café  
624 4666  
cakes!

Brandon Terrace  
Lovely café for breakfast and lunch. Do not miss the

Fishers in the City  
554 5666

58 Thistle Street  
Popular fish and seafood restaurant

L'Escargot Bleu  
557 1600

56–56A Broughton Street  
Newly opened and very popular French bistro

## **Things to do in Edinburgh**

Edinburgh and the surrounding area offer a wealth of other attractions for you to explore. Please feel free to ask ICMS staff for more details about things to do in and around Edinburgh. We will do our best to help.

The Tourist Information Centre is situated at the east end of Princes Street on the roof of Princes Mall. It is well worth a visit. They stock a wide range of information leaflets and maps and will be able to book places on some organised tours for you. Their website is [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org) and the telephone number is **(0131) 473 3800**.

### **Museum and Galleries**

*National Museum of Scotland:* on the corner of Chambers Street, houses the main collections of the history of Scotland from its geological beginnings to the twentieth century. There are regular free guided tours – check availability with the museum staff on arrival. The roof terrace has magnificent views of the city. The Museum is open from 10.00 to 17.00 every day.

Scotland's national art collections are housed in four Galleries in or near the city centre:

*The National Gallery of Scotland:* at the foot of The Mound, on Princes Street. This neo-classical building is the oldest of the galleries and contains a wide-ranging collection from old masters to impressionist and post-impressionist works.

*Royal Academy:* new Weston Link, accessible from Princes Street Gardens, connects to the National Gallery.

*The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art:* Belford Road. Won the prestigious Gulbenkian Prize for its landscape sculpture. Main collections of 20th and 21st century work.

*Dean Gallery*: Belford Road. Specialises in Dadaism and Surrealism.

Admission to all the galleries is free, although special exhibitions may carry a charge.

*City Art Centre*: in Market Street, opposite the rear entrance to Waverley Station. Run by Edinburgh Council.

Even if you are not interested in the content, all these galleries are well worth visiting for their location and the interest of the buildings themselves.

**The Royal Mile** in the Old Town, goes from *Edinburgh Castle* (admission £13.00) at the top of the hill to the *Palace of Holyroodhouse* and *Queen's Gallery* (admission £14.30 for both, £10.25 Palace only) at the bottom. In between you can find *The Writers' Museum*, Lady Stair's Close, off the Lawnmarket, dedicated to the lives and works of Scotland's great literary figures, in particular Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson; *The Hub*, from where the Festival is organized (very good bistro-style café), *St Giles' Cathedral*, *The Museum of Childhood* and the *Museum of Edinburgh*.

### **Outdoors in Edinburgh**

Public parks worth visiting include *Holyrood Park*, directly behind Pollock Halls and the *Royal Botanic Garden*, in Inverleith Row. Holyrood is the site of Arthur's Seat, the main vent of Edinburgh's volcano, and other items of geological interest. It provides many gentle but rugged walks. Holyrood Park contrasts with the Botanic Garden's carefully laid out lawns and specimen trees, herbaceous borders, rock garden and spectacular glass houses.

A good way to see the entire historic city centre is to take an ***open-top bus tour*** from Waverley Bridge. All tours have guides and some offer commentaries in different languages. Your ticket will allow you to leave and join the tour as often as you wish to over the afternoon and evening.

There are several ways to get a good view of the city. One of the most popular is to climb *Arthur's Seat* (from Holyrood Park), but good views can also be had from *Calton Hill* (especially if you climb the Nelson monument) at the eastern end of Princes Street. The *Scott Monument* on Princes Street also affords excellent views.

### **Excursions**

A number of tour operators will offer day trips to the countryside. The *Tourist Information Centre* will have details and booking information (see below). If you wish to explore independently, here are a few suggestions.

Take the train to *North Berwick*, a fishing village and holiday town to the east of Edinburgh. Here you will find sea, sandy beaches, historic buildings and harbour, golf courses, the *Scottish Seabird Centre* and, weather and tide permitting, boat trips around the Bass Rock.

You could also take a train west to *Linlithgow* and visit the Palace on the loch side, birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots, take a walk around the loch or a stroll along the Union Canal.

For local hill walking, the Pentland Hills to the south of Edinburgh have a variety of levels of walks. Local bus service 4 will take you to Hillend on the city side of the hills.

### **Places of Worship**

Here are the addresses of the major centres of worship in Edinburgh. Please contact them for further information, (times of worship etc).

St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Cathedral House, 61 York Place – tel. 556 1798

St Giles Cathedral Church of Scotland, High Street – tel. 225 4363

St Mary's Episcopalian Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place – tel. 225 6293

Synagogue Chambers, Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, 4 Salisbury Road – tel. 667 3144

King Fahad Mosque and Islamic Centre, 50 Potterrow – tel. 667 0140