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**A Tourist Guide to a Holiday In Edinburgh**

Edinburgh. Scotland’s capital city. Athens of the North. Edinburgh is a vibrant city full of life. Especially, here at the castle, there are crowds of people and the noise of bagpipes hangs in the air. This guide will show you the best that Edinburgh has to offer.

Welcome To Edinburgh

“This city of shifting light, of changing skies, of sudden vistas. A city so beautiful it breaks the heart again and again.” Is how Alexander McCall Smith described this World Heritage site. Over the last few days I have seen some of the best attractions and stunning views that Edinburgh has to offer. I have explored the extraordinary panoramic views from the summit of Arthurs Seat, the breath taking - world famous castle and experienced spine tingling trepidation at Edinburgh dungeons.

Three Must See Attractions

With so much to see and do you might be unsure where to start. If you are visiting in festival time you may also be overwhelmed or apprehensive about the volume of people crammed into the city. However, don’t be daunted, follow my top tips and you can marvel at the wonders of this charismatic city. Are you a fan of animals? Then I have the right place for you. Edinburgh Zoo is a short journey by bus or tram from the city centre. It is located on a large hill, so make sure you wear comfortable shoes but it’s worth the climb, to see the lions, chimpanzees and, of course, Edinburgh Zoo’s two famous pandas. The next attraction worth a visit is the world famous Edinburgh Castle. Entry to the castle itself does cost money but wandering round the palisade is completely free (unless there is some sort of event taking place). This is a great place for views across the New Town. Inside the castle there is lots to see including the Scottish crown jewels and The Stone of Destiney, upon which every Scottish monarch has been crowned.

My final must see has a rather sweet story behind it. Grayfriaers Bobby is located outside Greyfriaers Kirk and is a small statue of a Scottish terrier. Legend has it that Bobby never left his master’s side and this included when his master passed away and was buried in the kirk. Bobby is said to have kept watch over his master’s grave for the rest of his life as well as becoming a local hero. The statue is always crowded with people so be patient if you want that all important selfie!

Tales of The Old Town

Edinburgh is a city with a gruesome backstory and a thousand tales to tell. Some of these are very famous such as Deacon Brodie and Maggie Dickson but by far the most well-known is that of Burke and Hare. Burke and Hare were Irish immigrants who discovered that murdering and selling the bodies of their tenants for dissection to Edinburgh University was far more lucrative than collecting rent. The two did this over 17 times before they were caught. However, Burke was the only one that paid for his crimes as Hare blamed the entire affair on him. Following his hanging his body was donated to Edinburgh University for dissection. How ironic!

Conclusion

Edinburgh is a must see destination for any traveller or tourist. It is jam packed with activities for all ages and tastes. Make sure to make our capital city a place to tick off your bucket list. HarHajhsfhsdjkfhsdkjfh