

# Welcome to Edinburgh

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Visit Edinburgh and discover a city like no other. Steeped in history, Edinburgh seamlessly blends old and new, providing locals with the perfect destination to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of a diverse and vibrant city



## Edinburgh Old Town

More than just a Castle



Explore this unique medieval town with its hidden pends and wynds. Home of many visitor attractions, tours, and a myriad of souvenir shops.

This is where it all started. The Royal Mile - the backbone of the Old Town that leads from Edinburgh Castle down to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament - has seen centuries of Edinburgh life.

An easy walking distance from Edinburgh Waverley Train Station, the area is a must-see for every Edinburgh visitor.

Nestled in between the shops, restaurants, bars and pubs are closes, wynds and pends leading to hidden, tranquil gardens, gorgeous views over the city and pubs and eateries just waiting to be discovered. Filled with remnants and artifacts of the past mixed with the contemporary, this is Old Edinburgh, blending charmingly with the 21st century.

# Edinburgh New Town

Edinburgh's New Town and its open grid structure stands in contrast to the organic, winding streets and closes of the Old Town. Together, they comprise the city's UNESCO World Heritage site. The area's wide and elegant streets, lined with stunning neo-classical architecture are one of the world's finest examples of Georgian-era town planning, and a wander through the New Town will help you understand why Edinburgh was nicknamed the Athens of the North.

The New Town is also where you'll find some of Edinburgh's trendiest and most exciting retailers, cocktail bars, restaurants and cafes. Spacious streets and pavements coupled with leafy and green public spaces effortlessly mix of the natural with the cosmopolitan, making for an area with a unique beauty.

The beautiful **Princes Street Gardens**, a public park running the length of the city's principal shopping street, is overlooked by Edinburgh Castle, and this is where you'll find some of the city's best views of its most iconic landmark. From High Street to high-end, the shopping continues throughout the New Town, accompanied by coffee shops, bars and restaurants aplenty.



# Meeting Fee and room rates

- Meeting fee in the range \$650 - \$800
- B&B rate in the range £160 - £190

# Social Event



**Evening Event  
Whisky Tasting**



# Visas

- Attendees from some countries may require a visa to visit the United Kingdom.
- If you require a visa invitation letter, please complete the following form and e-mail it to:  
[september2019meeting@advaoptical.com](mailto:september2019meeting@advaoptical.com)
- ADVA Optical Networking will then send you an invitation letter.
- Please ensure you apply in good time.

# Invitation Letter request for a Visa Application to enter the United

Full Name	
Title	Dr: _____ Mr: _____ Mrs: _____ Ms: _____
Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Name of Company	
Job title	
Contact Address	
Telephone Number	
E-mail address	
Passport Number	
Passport – place of issue	
Passport Expiration Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Nationality	
Expected Travel date to the UK (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Expected Departure date (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Please state to whom the letter should be addressed: (e.g. Consulate of ..... and the full address)	<b>Name:</b>  <b>Address:</b>



# Getting to Edinburgh

**Edinburgh is in easy travelling distance of various International Airports and some of the other UK airports fly direct to Edinburgh:-**

## **Edinburgh Airport:**

Trams and buses are available from the airport into the city centre.

Trams take 12 minutes from the airport to the city centre and cost approximately £6 each way or £8.50 return. Tickets purchased from vending machines at the airport tram station or on [www.edinburghticket.com](http://www.edinburghticket.com).

Buses operate from outside the main entrance and take about 30 minutes to the city centre. Approximately £7.50 return.

Direct flights are available from US cities including Newark.

## **Manchester Airport:**

Catch the train from the Airport. Journeys to Edinburgh take approximately 4 hours. Return fares are in the region of £80.00-£150.00. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **Heathrow Airport:**

Catch the Heathrow Express train from the Airport to London Paddington (approximately 20 minutes). Here you will take the Underground to London Kings Cross (approximately 40 minutes). Trains from Kings Cross take approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes to reach Edinburgh. Fares vary considerably. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **Gatwick Airport:**

Catch the Gatwick Express train([www.gatwickexpress.com](http://www.gatwickexpress.com)) from the Airport to London Victoria Station (approximately 30 minutes). Here you will take the Underground to London Kings Cross (approximately 23 minutes). Trains from Kings Cross take approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes to reach Edinburgh. Fares vary considerably. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

# Getting to Edinburgh

## By Air



Edinburgh Airport:

[www.edinburghairport.com](http://www.edinburghairport.com)

Manchester Airport:

[www.manchesterairport.co.uk](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk)

Heathrow Airport:

[www.heathrowairport.co.uk](http://www.heathrowairport.co.uk)

Gatwick Airport:

[www.gatwickairport.co.uk](http://www.gatwickairport.co.uk)

London City Airport:

[www.londoncityairport.com](http://www.londoncityairport.com)

## By Road



Edinburgh is situated in the east of Scotland just south of the Firth of Forth. It has links to the rest of the UK road network through the A1 and M8/M74, making it accessible from most regions in the UK. Accurate route plans can be obtained from [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com).

**NB: car parking in Edinburgh is scarce and expensive** and the council encourage use of the Park and Ride network

# Edinburgh Tourism Links

For more information on Edinburgh and its surrounding area please visit:

<https://edinburgh.org/discover/>

Where you will find a wide range of attractions, things to do and see, recommendations for eating out and historical facts.



# We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh in September 2019

If you require any additional information please contact the following:

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