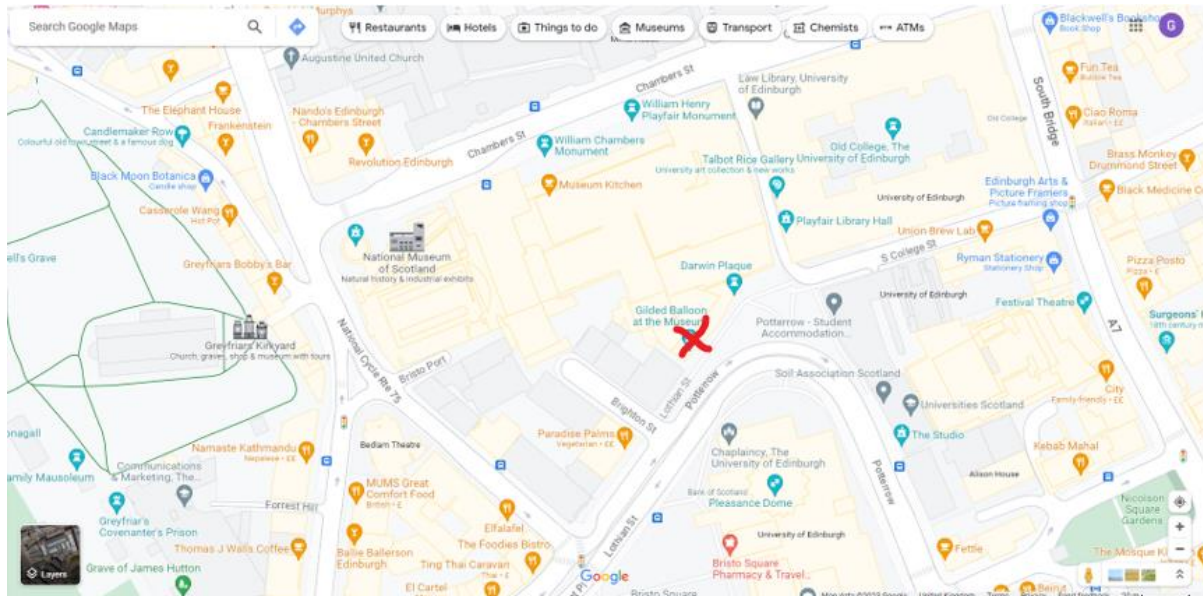


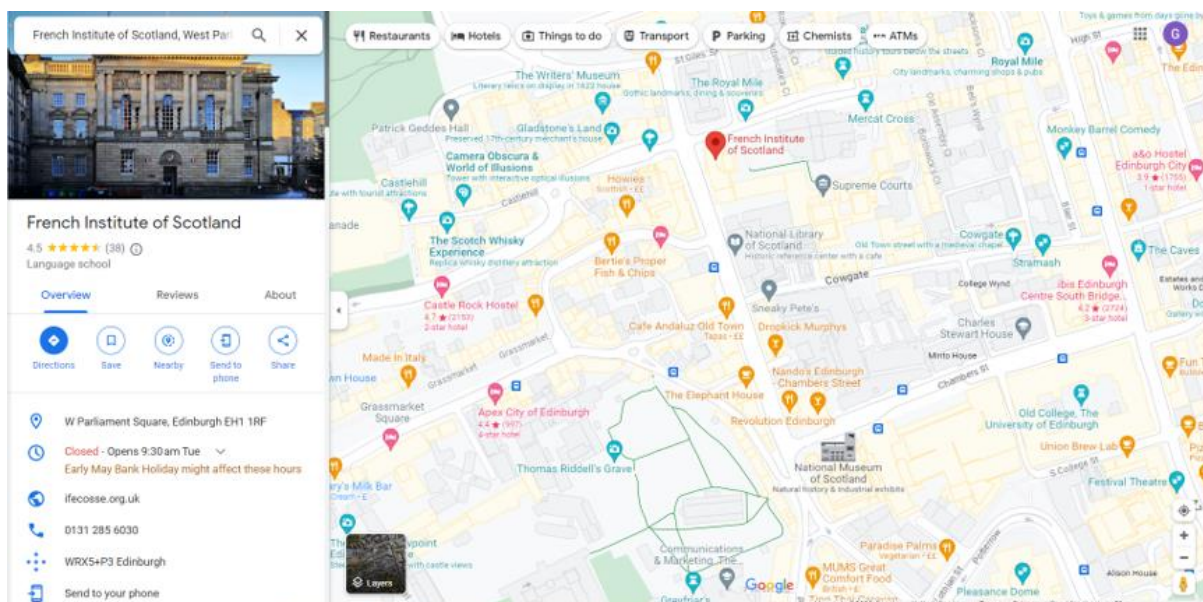
## Museum map

Entrance to the auditorium where the conference paper sessions will be held is on Lothian Street (marked on the map). The main public entrance is on Chambers Street, and there is a third entrance on the corner of Chambers Street and George IV Bridge. The Lothian Street entrance is the only way to gain entry to the museum outside museum opening hours 10am-5pm and will exclusively be open to ICOM Conference attendees.



Coffee will not be served on arrival in the mornings – instead, there will be a mid-morning coffee break between paper sessions. There are good independent coffee shops close to the Lothian Street entrance, including: Union Brew Lab on South College Street and Thomas J Walls Coffee on Forest Road.

The Opening reception will be held at the French Institute, on the corner of George IV Bridge and West Parliament Square, a 5-minute walk from the museum entrance on Chambers Street.



## Travel to Edinburgh

### By Air:

Edinburgh Airport is located around a 30-minute drive from the city centre.

### Taxi from the airport:

Find a taxi or a private hire vehicle in the East Terminus facility located just across the plaza from the main terminal. Fares vary but expect to pay between £30-40 depending on the location of your accommodation.

Travel to the city centre by public transport is possible by various routes:

### Buses from the airport:

The Airlink 100 bus connects you directly to the city centre, via Haymarket and the West End, terminating at St Andrew Square, close to the central Waverley train station. Follow signs from the arrivals area. The Airlink 100 departs every 10 minutes during the day (04:30 - 01:00 and every 30 minutes during the night (01:00 - 04:30)

The Skylink 200 and 400 services provide connections from the airport across the city of Edinburgh. For more information on routes and fares see: <https://www.edinburghairport.com/transport-links/buses-and-coaches/edinburgh-city-bus-links>

**By tram from the airport:** trams are one of the easiest ways to get to and from the airport with fast and frequent services to Edinburgh city centre. Trams depart every 7 minutes, between 7am and 7pm, and every 15 minutes outwith these hours, with an end-to-end journey of just 30 minutes.

More information, including where the tram stops, see:

<https://www.edinburghairport.com/transport-links/trams>

### By Train:

Edinburgh Waverley is the central train station. It is 6 minutes by train from Edinburgh Haymarket, the city's other train station.

### Travel from the train station (Edinburgh Waverley):

**The Taxi Rank at Edinburgh Waverley** is on Market Street, behind the train station – follow the signs inside the station for the Market Street Exit.

**Bus links** can be picked up outside from Princes Street, or North Bridge. However, please note that due to ongoing road works for the installation of tram lines, many bus routes are diverted. Please see note below for travel around Edinburgh

If you are staying in the West End, Haymarket station will be your closest stop.

## Travelling around the city

### Public transport

Due to various ongoing roadworks and route diversions, the best option is to download the Transport for Edinburgh (Lothian bus & tram) app, which will help you to plan your route and find the relevant bus stop.

Information on fares and bus routes can be found here: <https://www.lothianbuses.com/our-services/lothian-city-buses/>

Paying your fare:

Buses accept only the exact change or contactless card payments (including Apple Pay).

Alternatively, you can download the TFE M Tickets App, where you can purchase bus tickets in advance for use on the services.

### On foot:

Edinburgh is very walkable but do note if you've not visited before that it is quite hilly, with lots of uneven, cobbled streets.

### Taxis:

There are taxi ranks around the city, but these aren't always that obvious. The best options are to phone ahead or download an app to book directly on your phone:

Taxi phone numbers:

Central Taxis: +44 131 229

City Cabs: +44 131 228 1211

Apps:

The **Gett** app links directly to Edinburgh black cabs – these are the most accessible option, which can generally take 5 passengers, and are a metred fare.

**Uber** also operates in Edinburgh.

## Accommodation

*NB. Edinburgh is very hilly so not all hotels that are close to the museum are necessarily as accessible on foot as they appear on the map -particularly those around the old town/Canongate area. If you have any questions about hotel locations, please email ICOM Costume board member and Conference host, Georgina Ripley: [g.ripley@nms.ac.uk](mailto:g.ripley@nms.ac.uk)*

The National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street is on the edge of the Old Town, a short walk from the famous Royal Mile. It is a popular tourist area and very busy with students, as some of the central University buildings are also located here. Hotels close to the museum therefore tend to be expensive but Edinburgh has very good bus links and to some locations, tram links. It will be more cost-efficient to stay slightly further from the museum – areas like Leith or Haymarket/West End are around a 30 to 40-minute walk but have good bus links. Individual neighbourhoods are often vibrant communities with plenty of restaurant and café options for evening meals. Please see the list of areas included in this pack.

### Hotels

**Premier Inn:** <https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/lothian/edinburgh.html>

Locations:

- Edinburgh City Centre Lauriston Place
- Princes Street
- Royal Mile
- York Place/ St James Quarter

**Premier Inn Hub:** Contemporary hotels with compact rooms are cleverly designed to include everything you'd expect from a Premier Inn room in about half the space.

Locations:

- Haymarket
- Rose Street
- Royal Mile

**Ibis Edinburgh Centre South Bridge Royal Mile:** <https://all.accor.com/hotel/8484/index.en.shtml>

**Holiday Inn Express (various locations):**

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/edinburgh/edbpp/hoteldetail>

**Old Waverley Hotel:** <https://www.oldwaverley.co.uk/> (please note, this has step access only from street level. Use code BOOK-DIRECT for 15% off best available rate with no deposit required)

**The Bruntsfield Hotel:** <https://www.thebruntsfield.co.uk/bedrooms>

**Black Ivy:** <https://weareblackivy.com/> (10% discount if you book directly with BLACKIVY10)

**Ten hill Place:** <https://www.tenhillplace.com/>

**Motel One:** <https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/edinburgh/hotel-edinburgh-royal/>

**Ivy Braveheart Guest House:** <https://www.booking.com/hotel/gb/braveheart-guest-house.en-gb.html> (17-minute walk; bus routes number 2, 23, 27, 45)

**A-Haven Townhouse:** <https://a-haven.co.uk/our-rooms/> (This is further out, but the number 7 and the number 14 bus go from directly outside the guesthouse to North Bridge, a 5-minute walk from the museum).

### **Apartments**

There are various managed apartments on offer which could be a better option for people travelling in couples or groups:

**Destiny Scotland:** <https://www.destinyscotland.com/> (book direct for best offer)

**Native Places:** <https://nativeplaces.com/property/native-edinburgh/>

**Wilde Aparthotels:** <https://www.staycity.com/wilde/edinburgh/grassmarket>

**KM Apartments:** <https://www.booking.com/hotel/gb/richmond-place-apartments.en-gb.html?>

We would recommend checking sites such as Expedia and booking.com. Expedia has some good apartment options, as does their sister company Vrbo:

<https://www.vrbo.com/en-gb/holiday-rentals/united-kingdom/scotland/edinburgh>

There are also of course plenty of independent **Bed & Breakfast** and **Airbnb** options.

## List of areas accessible to the museum

Please click on the links for more information, including which bus routes service these areas.

### Royal Mile

Unique medieval town with hidden wynds. Home of many visitor attractions, tours, and a myriad of souvenir shops.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/the-royal-mile/why/>

### Newington and Southside

The area now is home to the main University of Edinburgh campus, centred on George Square, and has been determined by the student community to be the best place to live in the whole city. Very handily located for the museum.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/southside/why/>

### Grassmarket

One of the oldest parts of the capital, not only does the Grassmarket have an array of colourful shops, bars, restaurants, and cafes to satisfy all tastes and budgets, but it offers stunning views looking up to Edinburgh Castle. Bursting with life and colour, while still retaining its historical character, it is one of Edinburgh's most vibrant and popular neighbourhoods. Again, very handily placed for the museum but likely to be noisier at night:

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/grassmarket/introduction-to-the-grassmarket/>

### Tollcross

Joining Bruntsfield with Lothian Road, New Town to the north, and the Old Town to the east of the city, Tollcross is a major thoroughfare into the city.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/tollcross/introduction-to-tollcross/>

### Bruntsfield

This attractive leafy neighbourhood is one of the most affluent in Edinburgh. Heading south from the west end of Princes Street up Lothian Road and through Tollcross you'll come to Bruntsfield with Morningside just beyond. It is a friendly place with plenty of cafes, pubs, restaurants, and quirky shops. The neighbourhood is outside the city centre and largely residential, but it's a nice 20–30-minute walk to the museum across the leafy meadows.

<https://www.10best.com/destinations/uk-scotland/edinburgh/bruntsfield-morningside/>

### Stockbridge

With its cobbled streets, elegant Georgian architecture, lush green parks & gardens and abundant mix of independent shops & restaurants, Stockbridge is one of the city's most popular neighbourhoods. Located to the north of the city, Stockbridge is just a short walk from the bustling city centre, and yet has its distinct and charming village feel.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/stockbridge/introduction-to-stockbridge/>

### 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.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/new-town/why/>

### **Broughton Street and Canonmills**

Edinburgh's Broughton Street is packed with an eclectic mix of unique shops and restaurants and has long been associated with a bohemian, arty vibe. It's sandwiched between the New Town and vibrant Broughton, while the top of the street also marks the start of multicultural Leith Walk. It's also a stone's throw from the Edinburgh Playhouse theatre, the Omni Cinema complex, and the St James Quarter. If travelling by train, the York Place stop is a 1-minute walk away, and Edinburgh Waverley is a 10-minute walk. The number 8 bus connects this area to the museum.

Canonmills lies in a low hollow just north of Edinburgh's New Town. Originally a loch, the area was drained in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The origin of the neighbourhood's name is from the Augustinian Canons of Holyrood Abbey, who operated a mill on the land from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Canonmills is within easy reach of the Edinburgh City Centre, but also has several restaurants, bars, and shops of its own. It is an easy walk to Princes Street, has excellent bus links and is a 15-minute walk from Edinburgh Waverley train station.

### **The West End**

Where Georgian splendour meets modern architecture. Tucked away just behind Shandwick Place, the West End Village is one of Edinburgh's hidden gems. At the very heart of the village lies both William Street and Stafford Street, where the colourful, stylish boutiques and some much-loved pubs and bars combine to create a bohemian feel to this part of Edinburgh.

<https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/west-end/why/>

### **Leith**

Leith is one of Edinburgh's most eclectic, and trendy neighbourhoods, offering a more edgy and independent vibe. An eclectic mix of independent cafes, grocers and shops mean Leith still holds strongly onto its own identity, even over a century on from when it was officially incorporated into the city of Edinburgh in 1920. <https://edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods/leith/introduction-to-leith/>



## Shopping

**St James Quarter.** A large galleria retail shopping centre in the centre of Edinburgh, across the road from Waverley Train station. Home to high street and higher end fashion shops, it is worth a visit to the fourth floor for the Bonnie & Wild Scottish Marketplace, a food hall that's home to independent restaurants and street food: <https://bonnieandwildmarket.com/>. The St James Quarter also joins onto **Multrees Walk**, where you'll find Harvey Nichols and more luxury retail stores.

Across the road from the St James Quarter is Broughton Street, a bohemian street of independent bars, restaurants, delis, and shops, including beautifully curated lifestyle store **Lifestory; Curioser and Curioser**, a haven for stylish Scottish souvenirs; and purveyor of Scottish yarns **Kathy's Knits**.

In the New Town, you'll find **The Scottish Gallery** on Dundas Street, home to changing exhibitions of fine art, jewellery, craft, and decorative arts, with a selection of jewellery on sale downstairs. <https://scottish-gallery.co.uk/>. Head North into the backstreets behind Princes Street to seek out fashion accessories store **Covet** on Thistle Street; Hill Street Design House, a New Town venue with Georgian interior which hosts exhibits, pop-up shops, workshops, masterclasses, product launches and parties; and George Street, one of Edinburgh's higher end shopping streets.

On the edge of Stockbridge, as you head South from the New Town onto Howe Street, you'll find beautiful homeware stores **Homer** and **Style Your Spaces**, as well as Scottish Candle shop, **Melrose Candle Co.** Head deeper into Stockbridge for independent menswear designer **Kestin**, unique homewares and gifts at **Edinburgh Mercantile Ltd**, beautiful florists, delis, and famous cheesemongers **I. J. Mellis**, and some of the city's best charity shops. On Sundays it is home to Stockbridge Market, displaying crafts, gifts, street food and grocers' stalls. Keep an eye out for St Stephen Street, home to vegan fashion retailer **Treen**, curated fine jewellery at **Aetla**, a diverse range of vinyl at **VoxBox Music**, and independent book shop **Golden Hare Books**. It's also where you'll find **Space at Seventeen**, a pop-up space that supports small design businesses, and some of the best vintage shops in the city – **Those Were the Days Vintage**, **Elaine's Vintage Clothing** and **Miss Bizio Couture**.

Bruntsfield place is the main throughfare in the Bruntsfield neighbourhood, home to independent gift shops and unique homewares, as well as a good selection of charity shops.

Newington and the Southside is home to one branch of **Armstrong's Vintage**, one of Edinburgh's most famous vintage emporiums, as well as fabric shops like **Edinburgh Fabrics** and **Cotton & Chintz**.

You'll find another branch of **Armstrong's** only a short walk away in the Grassmarket, where on Saturdays there's a market selling fine Scottish food and drink, alongside handmade gifts, and souvenirs. Heading towards the Grassmarket from the museum you pass through Candlemaker Row, home to **Little Blue Door Vintage**. Nearby Victoria Street, a steep and winding street that connects the Grassmarket back up to George IV bridge, is packed with independent boutiques including clothing shop **Swish**; **Walker Slater** menswear; upmarket store, Anta, selling hand-crafted Scottish furniture and homeware, plus classic clothing; another branch of **I.J. Mellis**; **The Whisky Shop**; **Red**



**Door gallery**, selling a selection of arts, crafts and jewellery by Scottish artists, and **John Kay's** antiques. In the heart of the Grassmarket is Hawico, which specialises in Scottish cashmere knits, and has a wide variety of sweaters, jackets, and hats to choose from. Carrying on out the other side of the Grassmarket, heading toward Tollcross, you'll come across **Carnivàle Vintage; Godiva**, which carries indie designer fashion as well as pre-loved vintage and repurposed clothes; and **Herman Brown**, a vintage clothing store specialising in high-end clothing and accessories from the 1930s to 1990s.

The Royal Mile is naturally home to an abundance of souvenir and fabric outlet shops, some better than others. Keep an eye out for **21<sup>st</sup> Century Kilts**, a designer boutique for quirky, off-the-peg and bespoke kilts from tartan and contemporary textiles; **Prickly Thistle**, Scotland's first and only B Corp Certified textiles mill and clothing manufacturer; **Scottish Textiles Showcase** (on St Mary's Street) and **Ragamuffin** (on Canongate), a stylish boutique with an eclectic range of British and Irish designer knitwear, plus accessories. The roads leading off the mile are also just as inviting. On Cockburn Street, another steep and winding road this time connecting the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Waverley train station, you'll find **Pie in the Sky vintage** among a wealth of other independent retailers, and on neighbouring Jeffrey Street, there's **Corniche**, Edinburgh's original designer label boutique offering creations from the likes of Jean Paul Gaultier, Vivienne Westwood, Yohji Yamamoto, Katherine Hamnett, and Comme des Garçons.

If you want to venture slightly further afield, 'Leith Walk' which connects the city to the former Port town of Leith is home to plenty of charity shops, as well as **Folly's antiques**, and vintage clothing and homewares including **Epoca Modern Era Vintage Clothing**, **5<sup>th</sup> Season Vintage**, and **Pascal & Co**. If you head further towards the shore (worth it to visit the vibrant bars and restaurants along the water if the weather is nice, or if you have any interest in visiting the Royal Yacht Britannia - see attractions below), there you'll find the **Kinloch Anderson** highlandwear store, a haven for traditionally crafted kilts and clothing, fabric, and gifts.

Tucked away in Edinburgh's West End, William Street and Stafford Street are worth a visit for independent retailers including **Frontiers**, a long-established designer boutique stocking a vast range of women's designer clothing from brands such as Ganni, RIXO, Shrimps, YMC, Folk and many more.

## Tourist Attractions, Tours, and Excursions

If you are interested in arranging your own excursions or travel around Scotland before or after the conference, **Trip Organiser** are a small family-run company who operate several, both in Edinburgh – encapsulating some of the city’s most famous sights including Edinburgh Castle, St Giles Cathedral, Holyrood Palace, and Arthur’s Seat – and further afield. They’ll also happily tailor a trip to your interests and tours can be provided in other languages. More information can be found here:

<https://triporganiser.net/tours-page/>

We can recommend the New Lanark industrial History day trip, taking in a visit to New Lanark Mill and Museum, which tells the fascinating story of the 18<sup>th</sup> century cotton mill village of New Lanark.

### Other museums in nearby cities:

**The V&A Dundee:** <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee>. The exhibition *Tartan* will be showing until January 2024: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee/whatson/exhibitions/tartan>. Dundee is approx. 1.5 hours from Edinburgh by train and an off-peak return ticket costs £30.70.

**The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum** is a Gothic Revival-style building, located in the centre of Dundee, Scotland. The building houses a museum and art gallery with a collection of fine and decorative art as well as a natural history collection: <https://www.mcmanus.co.uk/>

**Glasgow Life:** <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums>

A group of 11 venues including Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum – with 22 galleries, discover everything from art to animals, Ancient Egypt to Charles Rennie Mackintosh and so much more. <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/venues/kelvingrove-art-gallery-and-museum>. Glasgow is under an hour from Edinburgh by train with a return ticket costing just under £20.

### Edinburgh attractions:

**Mary King's Close** is a historic close located underneath the buildings on the Royal Mile, in the historic Old Town area of Edinburgh, Scotland. It took its name from one Mary King, a merchant burgess who resided on the Close in the 17th century: <https://www.realmarykingsclose.com/>

**Edinburgh Castle** is a historic castle standing on Castle Rock, which has been occupied by humans since at least the Iron Age, although the nature of the early settlement is unclear. Visitors can see the famous Honours of Scotland, the Stone of Destiny, Mons Meg, the Royal Palace, the Great Hall, St Margaret’s Chapel, and the One O’Clock Gun. The complex includes entry to the National War Museum. Cheapest to book ahead online.

**Gladstone’s Land** is a surviving 17th-century high-tenement house situated in the Old Town of the city of Edinburgh, Scotland. It has been restored and furnished by the National Trust for Scotland and is operated as a popular tourist attraction.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/gladstones-land-p246281>

### **Palace of Holyroodhouse**

The King's official residence in Edinburgh and the home of Scottish royal history.

<https://www.rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse>

**Dovecot Studios:** A landmark gallery and museum for contemporary art, design, and textiles in Edinburgh, built around a world-renowned tapestry studio, with a changing programme of exhibitions. <https://dovecotstudios.com/>

### **National Galleries of Scotland**

Encompassing the Modern One, Modern Two, Portrait and National Galleries, NGS is spread across the city from the West End to the city centre, home to vibrant collections of fine art, sculpture, photography and more, featuring artists ranging from Titian, Rembrandt and Vermeer to Monet and Van Gogh and from Picasso, Hockney and Warhol through to Bridget Riley, Peter Doig and Alberta Whittle. <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/>

**Royal Scottish Academy:** <https://www.royal.scottishacademy.org/>

**Museums & Galleries Edinburgh** encompasses 13 venues throughout the city, many in A and B listed buildings. They include Lauriston Castle, a 16th century tower house with early 19th century additions set in stunning grounds overlooking the Firth of Forth, The Scott Monument, The Writer's Museum, and the Museum of Childhood. <https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venues>

### **Calton Hill**

Located only a few metres off the east end of Princes Street, Calton Hill is a public park housing several Greek-style historical monuments and landmarks. It is one of the best places in Edinburgh to get a panoramic view of the city's dramatic skyline.

### **Arthur's Seat**

Created by volcanic activity 335 million years ago, Arthur's Seat sits at the edge of the historic Royal Mile, next to Holyrood Palace, in the Holyrood Park which spreads across a vast area of 650 acres. The highest point of the park is Arthur's Seat at 251 metres. It's a steep climb to the top, but the views are unmatched. Alternatively, book a day trip with Trip Organiser as there is road access around the perimeter and the views from there are stunning.

### **Royal Yacht Britannia**

Moored in Leith, this royal vessel has sailed one million nautical miles and hosted several State Receptions and dignitaries, and a few Royal honeymoons. Launched by Queen Elizabeth II on 16 April 1953, she served the royal family for over 40 years.

**St Giles Cathedral** was founded in 1124 and is one of the most prominent historic buildings in Edinburgh. Guided rooftop tours are also available.

The **Royal Botanic Garden** is a mile away from the city centre. Founded in 1670, it is one of the oldest gardens in the UK and covers more than 70 acres of green space and is home to more than 13,500 species of living plants.