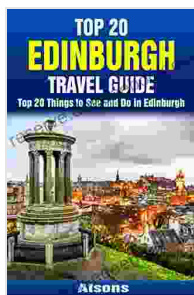


# Top 20 Things to See and Do in Edinburgh: Your Ultimate Edinburgh Travel Guide

Edinburgh, the captivating capital of Scotland, is a city steeped in rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture. Its cobbled streets, majestic castle, and iconic landmarks have lured travelers from far and wide for centuries. To help you make the most of your stay in this enchanting city, we have compiled a comprehensive guide to the top 20 things to see and do in Edinburgh.



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## Top 20 Edinburgh Attractions

### 1. Edinburgh Castle



No visit to Edinburgh is complete without visiting its iconic castle, perched majestically atop Castle Rock. Explore the castle's ancient vaults, marvel at its historic Crown Jewels, and witness the thrilling firing of the One o'Clock Gun. As you wander through its timeworn halls, you'll uncover centuries of fascinating history that has shaped Edinburgh and Scotland.

## **2. Royal Mile**



The Royal Mile, a vibrant street connecting Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace

Stroll along the enchanting Royal Mile, a vibrant artery that connects Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace. This historic street is lined with charming shops, traditional pubs, and fascinating museums, inviting you to explore its hidden nooks and crannies. Along the way, stop to admire the grandeur of St Giles' Cathedral and the grandeur of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

### **3. Arthur's Seat**



For panoramic views of Edinburgh, embark on a hike to Arthur's Seat, a dormant volcano that dominates the city skyline. The challenging ascent is rewarded with stunning views of the cityscape, the Firth of Forth, and the surrounding countryside. Take a picnic and enjoy a leisurely lunch while soaking up the breathtaking scenery.

#### **4. National Museum of Scotland**



The National Museum of Scotland, showcasing Scotland's rich history and culture

Delve into Scotland's rich heritage at the National Museum of Scotland, one of the country's most comprehensive museums. Discover fascinating artifacts from ancient times to the present day, showcasing Scotland's art, design, science, and natural history. Don't miss the impressive displays on Scottish history and culture, including the iconic Stone of Destiny.

## **5. Princes Street Gardens**





Escape the hustle and bustle of the city center in Princes Street Gardens, a tranquil oasis located in the heart of Edinburgh. Stroll through its manicured lawns, admire the colorful flower displays, and relax by the picturesque Ross Fountain. During the summer months, the gardens host a variety of events and concerts, adding to their vibrant atmosphere.

## **6. Dean Village**



Dean Village, a picturesque village within Edinburgh with a charming ambiance

Step into a hidden gem just a short walk from the city center by visiting Dean Village. This charming village is nestled beside the Water of Leith and boasts picturesque cottages, cobbled streets, and tranquil walkways. Take a leisurely stroll along the riverbank, admire the architecture, and soak up the village's unique ambiance.

## **7. Calton Hill**



For another panoramic city view, head to Calton Hill, a historic park located just east of the city center. Admire the iconic National Monument, inspired by the Parthenon in Athens, and explore the Dugald Stewart Monument, offering breathtaking views of Edinburgh's skyline. Calton Hill is also a popular spot for picnics and sunset watching.

## **8. Leith**





Leith, the historic port area of Edinburgh with a vibrant restaurant and nightlife scene

Discover Edinburgh's historic port area by exploring Leith. Stroll along the vibrant waterfront, admire the colorful buildings, and delve into the area's maritime heritage at the Royal Yacht Britannia. Leith is also renowned for its thriving restaurant and nightlife scene, offering a wide range of dining and entertainment options.

## **9. Palace of Holyroodhouse**



Located at the end of the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse serves as the Queen's official residence in Scotland. Admire the palace's grand architecture, explore its historic royal apartments, and wander through its beautiful gardens. Don't miss the tragic story of Mary, Queen of Scots, who lived and met her untimely demise within the palace walls.

## **10. Surgeons' Hall Museums**



Surgeons' Hall Museums, showcasing the fascinating history of medicine and surgery

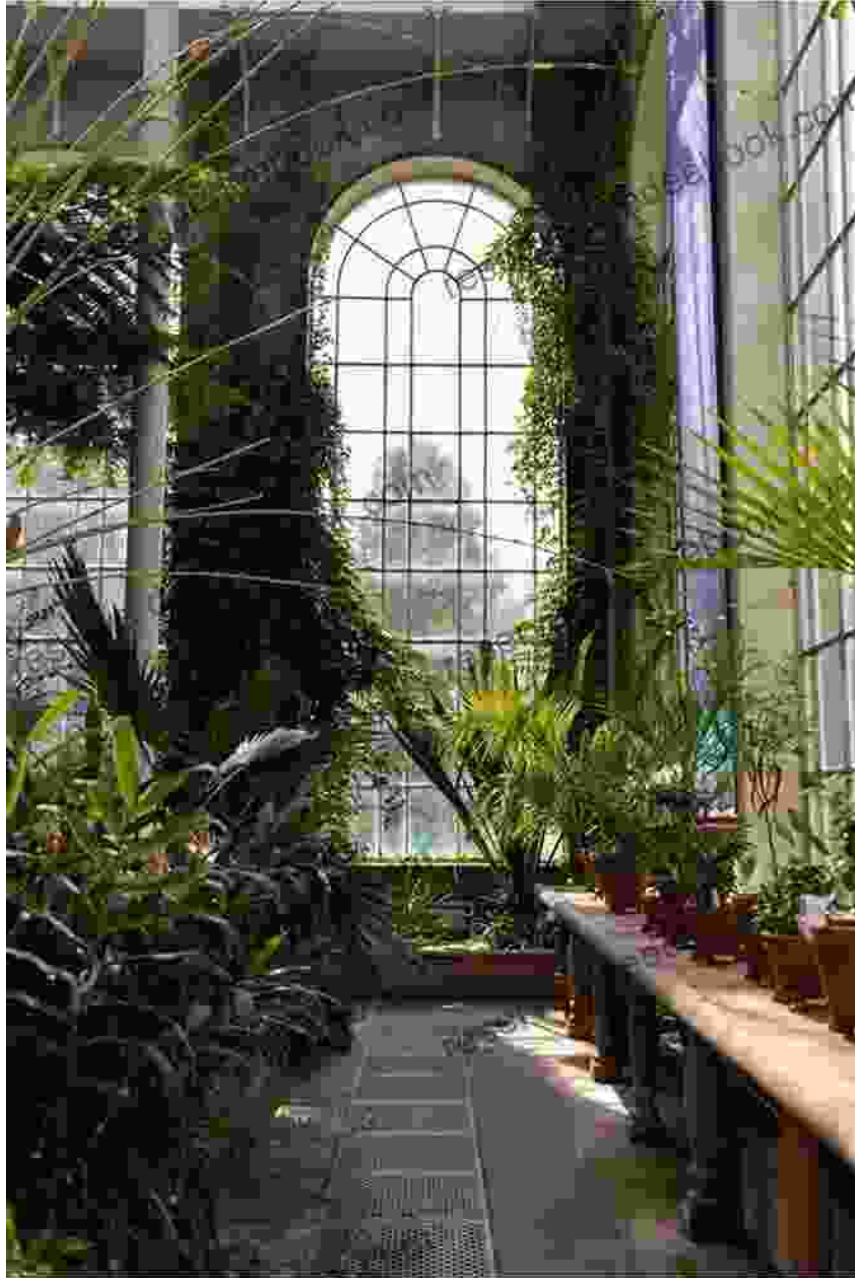
For an intriguing delve into medical history, visit the Surgeons' Hall Museums. This unique museum complex houses an extensive collection of anatomical specimens, historical medical instruments, and interactive exhibits. Explore the evolution of surgery, learn about the history of anatomy, and witness the remarkable advancements that have shaped the medical field.

## 11. Camera Obscura and World of Illusions



Step into a world of optical illusions and mind-bending experiences at Camera Obscura and World of Illusions. Ascend to the rooftop for panoramic city views through the lens of a giant camera obscura. Explore the interactive exhibits, challenge your perception, and laugh at the various optical tricks and illusions that will leave you questioning your own eyes.

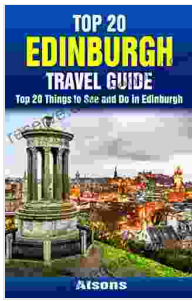
## **12. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh**



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, home to a vast collection of plants from around the world

Escape the urban hustle and immerse yourself in the tranquility of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Wander through its



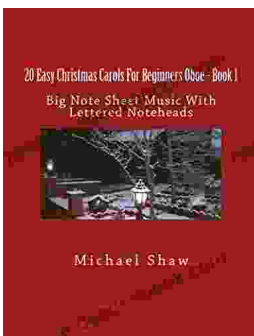


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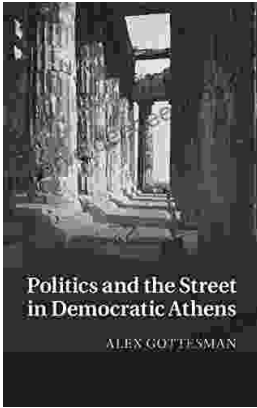
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