

Ten things to do in Edinburgh in April 2012

Edinburgh Schools are on holiday from 30 March until 17 April 2012, so the roads should be a little quieter for you commuters into the city.


Just after the end of the holidays – but maybe a bit gory for the too young anyway, the Anatomical Museum is having an open day on the last Saturday of April, and in fact throws open its doors on the same day each month. You will find the Museum at University of Edinburgh, Doorway 3, Medical School, Teviot Place EH8 9AG and you will also find more information on their [Facebook page](#).

A free event at [The Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#) on 12 April 2012. Sax Ecosse will play for half an hour from 6 p.m. and the works performed will include sacred and secular transcriptions of works by Josquin Des Prez, William Byrd, Carlo Gesualdo, J.S Bach, alongside contemporary reflections from David Maslanka's *Recitation Book*. Just turn up on the night, no need for a ticket.

Good Friday concert on Friday 6 April 2012 at St Peter's on Lutton Place starts at 7.30 p.m. The St Peter's Choir are performing Dubois' Sacred Cantata 'The Seven Last Words of Christ'. [More information here](#).

On 30 April 2012 the Edinburgh Beltane Fire Festival takes place on Calton Hill. [Tickets are only £5](#) if you buy them

before 1 April.

 Kevin Spacey stars in Margin Call which shows at [The Filmhouse](#) from 3 to 5 April 2012. Set in New York in 2008 with a bank that has a mortgage stock which is worth less than its book value, it could just as easily have been set in Edinburgh...

The Usher Hall has something for all you 50 year olds! [The Osmonds](#) are in concert there on 22 April 2012. They will no doubt be playing hits like 'Crazy Horses' and of course wee Jimmy has his own solo hit to fall back on 'Long Haired Lover from Liverpool'. This is billed as their final tour, so get your tickets now.

The Edinburgh Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon takes place on 15 April 2012. There may still be time for you to get your running shoes on. And there is free entry to the after race concert. How can you resist?

This is the course that the race will take starting at 9.00a.m.

[Edb12 Course Map](#)



The Edinburgh International Science Festival runs from 30 March to 15 April so you have plenty of time this month to get along to one of the many events they have organised.

The programme is below

SUNDAY LUNCH AT CHANNINGS

What fun! An Easter Egg Hunt, magic and balloons with Tricky Ricky, all part of the programme for Easter Lunch at Channings. Young diners will also have the chance to play 'hide and seek' with the Easter Bunny who is due to make a special appearance!

The menu for the three course Lunch at the hotel in South Learmonth Gardens is priced at £19.95 per person and features seasonal produce as always and, of course, chocolate! Children under five dine free when selecting from the children's menu.

For further details or to book, call 0131-274 7465 or email food@channings.co.uk

Ok so this one is not strictly speaking actually in Edinburgh but it is a very short drive or train ride from the capital to North Berwick....

Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley, the internationally acclaimed fiddle and guitar duo from the Orkney Islands are kicking off [their first UK tour](#) in 20 years in **NORTH BERWICK** at the St. Andrews Blackadder Church on **Wednesday 11th April**.

