

The Edinburgh Dungeon – good to scare you!



by Marian Rivman

As someone who has had the good fortune to travel all over the world, I've seen more than my fair share of museums, churches and historical buildings. Edinburgh certainly has A+ versions of all of those and I was suitably wowed by them.

However, wherever I am, I look for those attractions that are out of the ordinary and off the beaten track. The Edinburgh Dungeon fitted the bill. The 80 minute, interactive adventure set in the bowels of a building near Waverley Station happily blew my mind.



I was one of 20 participants who were moved through a labyrinth of vignettes depicting the darker side of Scotland's history.

Super talented actors regaled my fellow travellers and me with reenactments of murder and mayhem, which included: The Judge, Torturer, Sawney Bean: Cave of the Cannibals (with a boat ride!!), Dr. Knox's Anatomy Theatre, Burke and Hare: The Business of Murder, Street of Sorrows, The Green Lady (I'll admit I let out a blood curdling scream when she appeared of nowhere and touched my hair.), Drop Dead: Drop Ride to Doom and the Labyrinth of Lost Souls.



Jack Anderson (7)

We also got to see a special show in the repertoire, Deadly Diseases, which will run until 10th April (The slimy leeches will make your skin crawl!)

The sets, sound and lighting enhance the experience beyond measure. It all feels real.

The Edinburgh Dungeon is a thrilling experience for all ages. This septuagenarian had the time of her life as did my fellow traveller Jack Anderson who is seven.

When asked how he liked it, Jack said: "It was very, very good and scary at the same time." Jack was spot on.

For more information go to: www.thedungeons.com/Edinburgh.

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We have just had confirmation that, due to popular demand, the Deadly Diseases show has been extended until Sunday 29 May.