

Moving into December with Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay

In the two weeks since Edinburgh's Christmas opened more than 750,000 people have visited the attractions in East Princes Street Gardens alone.

Community events at the Ross Theatre have welcomed audiences of more than 10,000 people. These have included the Edinburgh's Christmas Opening Concert, Edinburgh's Diwali, and St Andrew's Outdoor Ceilidh.



Edinburgh Diwali 2023 – the parade stepped off from St Andrew Square to the Ross Theatre in Princes Street Gardens PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

December is going to be a busy month for the attractions and residents and visitors are advised to [book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment](#). There are limited tickets available for weekends throughout December and everyone is encouraged to visit on a weekday, preferably during the day, to avoid crowds if possible. From Santa Stories in St Andrew Square to the Big Wheel and much more there are many attractions in four different locations.

In the spirit of the season more than 5,500 free tickets for attractions at Edinburgh's Christmas have been allocated to community groups from across the city. This ensures that as many people as possible are able to enjoy the festivities.

Looking ahead to Edinburgh's Hogmanay and the city will be treated to a [four-day programme of events](#). Alongside the main schedule, the Assembly Rooms will present a host of free and ticketed events, including family events, live music, ceilidh dancing and comedy.



The Torchlight Procession will be the official start of Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations on 29 December. The Candlelit Concert at St Giles' Cathedral on 31 December is the first event for Edinburgh's Hogmanay to have already sold out.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay will ring in the bells with Pulp headlining the Concert in the Gardens. Tickets for this are selling fast and booking ahead is therefore important.

There are also limited EH Postcode Street Party tickets remaining which give residents a £5 discount.

More information on programmes, schedules and tickets can be found on the websites for [Edinburgh's Christmas](#) and [Edinburgh's Hogmanay](#).

This is the handy guide which can also be found in the centre pages of our December newspaper.

Celebrating 30 Years of Edinburgh's Hogmanay!

29 Torchlight Procession
DECEMBER
 8pm - 8.30pm
 New start location of The Meadows
 Tickets from £7.50

Shining a light on homelessness thanks to thanks to Edinburgh Hogmanay's official charity partner Social Bite, the much-loved Torchlight Procession is back to open this year's Hogmanay celebrations.

29 Ho-Ho-Hogmanay
DECEMBER
 8pm - 8.30pm (Doors/Bar open 7pm)
 Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street
 Tickets £25.00 (inc. fees)

A side-splitting night of live stand-up comedy from the very best acts on the comedy circuit, hosted by Emmanuel Sonubi with special guests Sue McCabe, Larry Dean and Fred MacAulay

30 Night Afore Disco Party
DECEMBER
 6.30pm - 10pm
 West Princes Street Gardens
 Tickets from £35

Internationally acclaimed ABBA sensation Björn Again will headline the Night Afore Disco Party, joined by the Edinburgh Fringe smash hit Masselke, for the ultimate party night out!

30 Night Afore Hoolie
DECEMBER
 8pm - 10pm
 Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street
 Tickets from £10.00 (inc. fees)

Blue Rose Code brings the year to an end with an unforgettable hometown show, backed by his big Caley Soul Band, and joined by some of the finest special guests, including Jill Jackson and Dean Owens.

31 Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party
DECEMBER
 8pm - 12.00am
 City Centre
 Tickets £38.50 (inc. 50p charity donation and fees)

Set against the stunning backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, this year 40,000 revelers from around the globe will party their way into 2024 with a feast of entertainment throughout the city centre.

Street Party - Silent Adventures Mega Silent Disco
 Tickets from £7.50 (requires a full Street Party ticket to access)

Silent Adventures Mega Silent Disco returns for this year's Edinburgh Hogmanay! Tune into the official fireworks soundtrack at midnight then dance the night into 2024.

31 Concert in the Gardens
DECEMBER
 8pm - 12.00am
 West Princes Street Gardens
 Tickets from £72.50 LAST TICKETS REMAINING

Cultural icons Pulp will headline the 30th Anniversary Concert in the Gardens, welcoming people from around the globe to dance their way into 2024. They will be joined by very special guests Hot Chip (DJ Set).

31 Bairns New Year Revels
DECEMBER
 3pm - 5.30pm
 Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street
 Full Price Tickets £72.50 (inc. fees)
 Child Tickets £34.50 (inc. fees)

Young party-goers have the chance to join the Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations, with a family friendly edition from festival favourites Masselke providing a live band sing-along soundtrack of kids' favourite party tunes!

31 Candlelit Concert
DECEMBER
 6.30pm - 8pm (Doors 5.30pm)
 St Giles' Cathedral, High Street
 Tickets £22.50 (inc. fees) SOLD OUT

A festive celebration seeing in the New Year in the candlelit atmosphere of St Giles' Cathedral as it celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2024. Mark this festive season with the first three cantatas from J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

31 New Year Revels
DECEMBER
 8pm - 1am
 Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street
 Tickets from Tickets £70.00 (inc. fees)

Edinburgh's premier indoor Hogmanay party will see revelers 'sofin' through the bells courtesy of the finest Ceilidh bands, live DJs, and festival favourites Masselke providing a sing-along soundtrack to a spectacular Midnight Moment.

01 First Footin'
JANUARY
 FREE EVENT
 8pm - 10pm
 Venues Throughout City Centre

A packed programme of free live music and performances taking place in city centre attractions, pubs and venues across both the Old & New Town areas.

01 Sprogmanay
JANUARY
 FREE EVENT
 10am - 12pm
 Venues Throughout City Centre

Collaborating with National Museum of Scotland, the hugely popular Sprogmanay programme includes music, arts and crafts for children, plus a traditional family Ceilidh event in Assembly Rooms.

30TH ANNIVERSARY
 1993-2023

Information for all events and tickets on-sale at: edinburghhogmanay.com

Culture and Communities Convener Councillor Val Walker said: "The success of Edinburgh's Christmas in the first two weeks is truly impressive and a testament to the stellar reputation of our festivals, and the hard work of the organisers and Council colleagues who have my sincere thanks. "To see three quarters of a million people passing through East Princes Street Gardens in such a short space of time is fantastic. "It's great to see our residents and visitors getting into the festive spirit as we gear up for December and the return of Edinburgh's Hogmanay. From the Torchlight Procession, to the Night Afore Hoolie, all the way to Pulp seeing us into 2024 at the Concert in the Gardens, and beyond to the First Footin' we're in for a real treat."



Council Leader Cammy Day and Culture Convener Cllr Val Walker at the Christmas Market PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter
Edinburgh's Christmas Co-Directors Dani Rae and Al Thomson said: "It's been a wonderful start to festivities in the city this year and we're well on our way to seeing over 3 million people come and celebrate Christmas with us. With just three weeks until the big day, there's plenty still to enjoy at Edinburgh's Christmas, including a Nativity Carol Concert and When You Wish Upon A Star's Santa Fun Run.

"The countdown to Hogmanay has begun in earnest with bring four days of events to celebrate 30 years of Edinburgh's Hogmanay. There's something for everyone in this year's programme and we cannot wait to welcome in the New Year as only Edinburgh can."

Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay are created and designed by collaborators UniqueAssembly on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council.