

Edinburgh: Alternative Activities To Liven Up Your Trip

It's no secret that Edinburgh is a world-class city. The Scottish capital is routinely named the best place in the UK to live and always performs well on lists of the best international destinations to visit.

If you've ever been to Edinburgh, then it won't be difficult to see why. With great restaurants, stunning scenery, and world-class architecture, Edinburgh has enough in its locker to dazzle even the most seasoned of travellers.

And the more you dig into what Edinburgh has to offer, the more you'll come to love it. If you've hit all of the city's main attractions, then check out below, where we'll run through some alternative ideas that'll help to liven up your next trip.



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Take a Stroll Around Dr Neil's Garden

Looking to get lost in a magic atmosphere that only a place like Edinburgh can provide? Then point your map in the direction of [Dr Neil's Garden](#), a stunning green oasis located next to Duddingston Kirk. This is a lovely place to take a stroll regardless of the weather, but it's especially life-affirming on a crisp, blue-sky spring morning. Though it's centrally located, the garden very much has a secluded feel, allowing visitors to dip into their own wondrous little world.

A Night at the Casino

Edinburgh has a long and celebrated casino history that dates all the way back to the 16th century. Today, visitors will find a selection of casinos dotted around the city, including the centrally-located Admiral Casino. And, as with elsewhere in Scotland and the UK, visitors to Edinburgh can also play at

a [live casino](#) online. These websites typically offer all the classic casino games and more, making it a viable option for players who want to play in more comfortable surroundings or who can't find what they're looking for at one of the city's real-world establishments. If you're looking to round off your classy evening in style, then head to Fhior Restaurant after you've finished playing for a world-class, modern interpretation of traditional Scottish dishes.

Take in a View at the National Museum

We'd be surprised if you didn't swing by the National Museum of Scotland while you're in Edinburgh. After all, it's one of the best museums in Europe, offering a stunning insight into Scotland's long and celebrated history. It's an absolute must-visit, and we're sure it's already on your list of "must-dos" while you're visiting Edinburgh.

However, many visitors to the National Museum are unaware that there's a pretty fantastic rooftop viewing platform that provides one of the best – in fact, *the* best – views of the city. If you're visiting the museum anyway, then set aside some time to make the journey to the rooftop; you will not regret it.

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Relax at the Beach

OK, we don't mean *relax at the beach* in the "lying down in the sand, catching a tan" sense. That's possible once in a blue moon, but not frequently enough to put it in your itinerary.

Portobello Beach, while not helping you to get a tan, can support your general relaxation levels. Strolling along the promenade with an ice cream in your hand is a bonafide mood booster, while the nearby [Turkish baths](#), which include hot rooms and steam rooms, will give your muscles the TLC they deserve after walking around all day.

Take a Trip into the Past

Visitors can take a trip into the past with little more than their smartphone and the 'Edinburgh 1544' app. Designed by researchers at the University of St Andrews, the app helps to bring the past to life by showing visitors what the city looked like back in 1544. Download it on your phone, and you'll be able to compare the present day with the mediaeval times. Which period was more beautiful? That's for you to decide!