

Edinburgh

Edinburgh, capital town of **Scotland** is internationally acclaimed for its festivals, sports and arts and is built on books and various events. Known as the

'Athens of the North'

, it has a chock-full of ancient castles, breathtaking views, grassy hillsides and more importantly, is a home for a vast array of festivals that draws thousands and thousands of visitors every year.

Edinburgh Castle

A remarkable fortress and a former royal residence, Edinburgh Castle casts its spell on all who come here and has eventfully grown to be a magnetic personality in the history of Scotland. An uncompromising defensive structure, it is positioned atop the **Volcanic Castle Rock**, dominating the skyline of the city of

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, Scotland. Britain's second most popular tourist attraction, this castle is simply magnificent and is visible for tens of miles in every direction. Besieged both successfully and unsuccessfully on several occasions, it has been involved in many historical conflicts and has gradually become a recognizable symbol. Lot to experience inside the castle walls, it is one of the 345 heritage sites in the care of

Historic Scotland

. One can explore the remarkable places where the kings, queens and noblemen had lived, entertained and worshiped.

Edinburgh Castle Events

Hosting a variety of special entertainments and events throughout the year including regular performances by costumed storytellers, it brings to life about the Castle's past happenings. Lively programme of events are being conducted in and around Edinburgh Castle so anybody who wishes to enjoy and watch these shows can go across these events and if you need more information contact us at [Travel Scotland](#) .

- [Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo](#)

All ready to start by the second week of August, it is said to be visited by 200, 000 people on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle, where they show their support to the most well-known historic festivals of Edinburgh. Officially began in 1950, with only eight events on the programme list, the tradition of the tattoo has its very roots in the seventeenth century. It was a

simple ritual known as the '**Doe den tap toe**' (or simply 'tap toe') in those days. But in recent years, it has become an enormous international event that showcases global talent and the best in Scottish. With over 30 countries represented in the tattoo so far, it is estimated that almost 30 per cent is from Scotland, with another 35 from UK and remaining from outside UK and others, those that are watching the TV broadcast of the show worldwide.

- **Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2011**

Entering its 18th year in style with a packed programme of events, the world famous Edinburgh's Hogmanay street party welcomes over 80,000 people from across the globe. Set beneath the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, one can see internationally acclaimed artists performing at the last gig of the year and the first of the New Year. If anybody would like to see the most stunning New Year event in the world come to Edinburgh Castle, where the **Edinburgh Hogmanay's Midnight Fireworks** takes place.