



# KING OF CASTLE ROCK

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## CRUISE TO EDINBURGH (S. QUEENSFERRY), SCOTLAND

Edinburgh is home to hills, history and haggis. It attracts over one million international visitors annually, making it the U.K.'s second most popular tourist destination. Explore Edinburgh's Old Town. Here, you'll find Edinburgh Castle, perched atop the dormant volcanic cliff of Castle Rock — the spot has been a defense outpost since the second century A.D. Then, head to St. Giles Cathedral, an elaborate Gothic church that served as a focal point of the Scottish Reformation in the 1500s. The city's New Town is equally worth a visit during your Edinburgh cruise. Peruse the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, and climb the Scott Monument for sweeping views of the city.

NATIONAL LANGUAGE

ENGLISH, SCOTS

CURRENCY ACCEPTED

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## THINGS TO DO IN EDINBURGH (S. QUEENSFERRY)



Edinburgh (S. Queensferry), Scotland, Edinburgh Castle

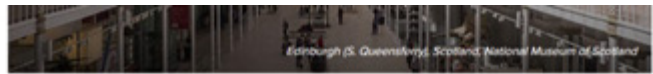
### CLIMB CASTLE ROCK

Edinburgh Castle dominates the city's skyline from its position on Castle Rock. You can check out the free views outside. But there are many exciting paid exhibits inside, too, including the Crown Jewels, the Great Hall, the National War Museum and the Stone of Destiny.

### BE A WISE GUY

Edinburgh is full of opportunities for learning. It's free to visit the National Museum of Scotland, with exhibits on everything from dinosaurs to medieval decorative art. The free Writers' Museum celebrates Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns and Robert Louis Stevenson. For other educational stops, check out the Surgeons' Hall Museum and the Museum of Childhood.





### FOLLOW IN HARRY'S FOOTSTEPS

Harry Potter fans will know all about Edinburgh's place in the creation of the much-loved books. Cruise to Edinburgh and head to the Elephant House and Spoon Cafes, where Rowling wrote parts of her first book. Greyfriars Kirkyard's gravestones inspired some of the characters' names, and colorful Victoria Street was the inspiration behind Diagon Alley. There's also the luxurious Rowling Suite at the Balmoral Hotel.



### LOCAL CUISINE

Be brave and try Scotland's signature dish: haggis. It's a savory pudding of meat (sometimes liver and heart), oats, onions and spices — and yes, it's cooked inside a sheep's stomach, but it serves more as a sausage casing than anything else. Not feeling up for the experience? Try one of the city's many upscale farm-to-table eateries, where you'll find dishes like local lamb served along daikon radishes and woodruff, a wild herb.



### SHOPPING

Harry Potter fans need to visit Diagon House or Galaxy. You can also pick up a tartan or cashmere keepsake at one of the Royal Mile's many souvenir stores, including the House of Edinburgh. For unique jewelry, prints and gifts handmade by indie designers from the U.K. and abroad, visit Hannah Zakari during your cruise.



### INSIDER'S TIPS

1 Admire the views of Edinburgh Castle from Princes St Gardens, Calton Hill and Grassmarket.

2 If the timing coincides with your visit, definitely do a free walking tour with Little Fish Tours or SANDEMANs.

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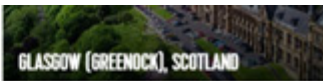
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