

The Local Kids' Guide to Edinburgh

Who better to recommend the best family-fun to be had in Edinburgh than the kids of Edinburgh themselves!

Local children aged 3–15 have shared their favourite places across the city and we've compiled them into this exciting 'Local Kids Guide to Edinburgh' to help you plan, see and enjoy more of Edinburgh.

Mix and match from the list below for the perfect trip to Edinburgh!

Let's go

In no particular order...

- 1. The Meadows** 🌿
FREE A green haven in the heart of the city with two fun play parks.
- 2. Topping & Company Booksellers of Edinburgh** 📖
A little book-lover's treasure trove.
- 3. Toys Galore** 🧸
Art & crafts, jigsaws, books, train sets & more since 1981.
- 4. Cramond Village & Beach** 🌿
FREE Build a sandcastle, scoot along the prom and go island-spotting.
- 5. The Edinburgh Bookshop** 📖
Award-winning bookshop loved by little bookworms.
- 6. Civerinos** 🍴
Enjoy a slice of New York or a taste of Italy in a trendy setting.
- 7. LEGO® Store** 🧱
Build something awesome with LEGO®
- 8. Fountain Park** 🎮
Cinema, bowling, bouncing, dining and playing.
- 9. Jupiter Artland** 🗿
Colourful sculpture park with creative children's activities.
- 10. Build-A-Bear Workshop** 🧸
Create and build your very own teddy bear.
- 11. Chihuahua Café** 🍴
Enjoy Chihuahua cuddles and sweet treats.
- 12. The Chocolatarium** 🍫
Create your very own chocolate masterpiece.
- 13. Arthur's Seat & Salisbury Crags** 🌿
FREE Climb Edinburgh's 600ft extinct volcano. How far can you see?
- 14. The Union Canal** 🌿
FREE Cycle, scoot, walk or paddleboard along this tranquil canal.
- 15. Mimi's Bakehouse** 🍫
Cute cupcakes and heavenly hot chocolate.
- 16. Wings** 🍴
Deep-fried, baked, buffalo, or teriyaki... how'd you like your chicken wings?
- 17. McLarens on The Corner** 🍴
Family-friendly grub with quirky Ski Gondolas.
- 18. Volcano Falls Adventure Golf** 🎮
Dinosaur-themed mini-golf adventures with two 18-hole courses.
- 19. Open-top bus tours** 🚌
Discover Edinburgh from the top deck.
- 20. Portobello Beach** 🌿
FREE Edinburgh's seaside with parks, arcades, ice cream and scenic promenade.
- 21. Colinton Tunnel** 🗿
FREE Enchanting railway tunnel with Scotland's largest historical mural.
- 22. Camera Obscura & World of Illusions** 🗿
Five floors jam-packed with optical illusions. Nothing is what it seems!
- 23. Cosmo World Buffet Edinburgh** 🍴
Feast on buffet dishes from all over the globe.
- 24. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh** 🌿
FREE *Donation recommended*
Fossil trees, nature trails and a willow maze to explore!
- 25. Edinburgh Zoo** 🗿
Meet pandas, giraffes, tigers and the legendary knighted penguin.
- 26. Gulliver's Toys and Gifts** 🧸
From Barbie to Hot Wheels, you'll be spoilt for choice.
- 27. Water features outside Scottish Parliament** 🌿
FREE Great photo or picnic spot – just don't get wet!
- 28. Lucas Ice Cream Shop** 🍫
Ice cream galore. What will you order?
- 29. Mercat Tours** 🗿
Light-hearted gory stories and underground vaults.
- 30. Water of Leith Walkway** 🌿
FREE Spot kingfishers, otters and herons on this riverside city walk.
- 31. Kaspá's Edinburgh** 🍫
One of the UKs favourite desserts restaurants.
- 32. Lane7 Edinburgh** 🎮
Bowling and games in a super disco setting.
- 33. Gladstone's Land** 🗿
Step back in time and explore 17th century Edinburgh.
- 34. National Museum of Scotland** 🗿
FREE Towering dinosaurs, worldwide animals, marvellous inventions & more.
- 35. Blackford Hill** 🌿
FREE Panoramic views and peaceful pond walks. Can you spot the ducks?
- 36. Craigmillar Castle** 🗿
Unforgettable Medieval castle with great city views and walks.
- 37. Princes Street Gardens** 🌿
FREE Play next to the big fountain and under the shadow of Edinburgh Castle.
- 38. Edinburgh Castle** 🗿
Remember – cover your ears at 1pm when visiting this 900 year old castle!
- 39. Mary's Milk Bar** 🍫
Retro gelato parlour with views of Edinburgh Castle.
- 40. Dr Neil's Garden** 🌿
FREE Secret garden nestled next to Arthur's Seat.
- 41. Saughton Park and Gardens** 🌿
FREE Skatepark and playpark with garden bistro for an afternoon treat.
- 42. Bonnie & Wild Scottish Marketplace** 🍴
Expand your little taste buds at Edinburgh's indoor food hall.
- 43. Wild West Cowboy Street** 🗿
FREE Step into the Wild West, but can you find this hidden street?
- 44. Stack & Still** 🍫
Sweet or savoury – how do you enjoy your pancakes?
- 45. Dynamic Earth** 🗿
Time-travel from the Big Bang to the present day!
- 46. Cammo Estate** 🌿
FREE Perfect for wildlife spotting and stretching those little legs.
- 47. Los Argentinos** 🍴
Traditional Argentinian steakhouse and grill.
- 48. LOVE Gorgie Farm** 🗿
FREE *Donation recommended*
Urban farm with alpacas, goats, guinea pigs and more.
- 49. Conifox Adventure Park** 🎮
World's longest inflatable assault course and more.
- 50. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art** 🗿
FREE Fun grounds with sensory sculpture trail.

Here's what some kids have said about their favourite places:

"My fave tourist attraction"

EDINBURGH CASTLE RAMSAY (10)



"For wandering, exploring and climbing trees"

CAMMO ESTATE JEMIMA (3)

"I love the spinny bridge and the wobbly mirrors"



CAMERA OBSCURA & WORLD OF ILLUSIONS HANNAH (4)



"For yummy pizza and fries"

CIVERINOS NOAH & THEO (8 & 5)

"Because of the dinosaurs, the animals and the stars"

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND TORAN (2.5)



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