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THE EDINBURGH MUSIC MAP



Explore a selection of Edinburgh's music venues, bars, record shops and places of interest

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From award-winning grassroots venues like Sneaky Pete's to the former dissection room at Summerhall and the grand surroundings of the Usher Hall, Edinburgh has an eclectic array of spaces for live music. Add in a thriving selection of bars hosting live gigs and numerous record shops, the city has something to offer all types of music fans.

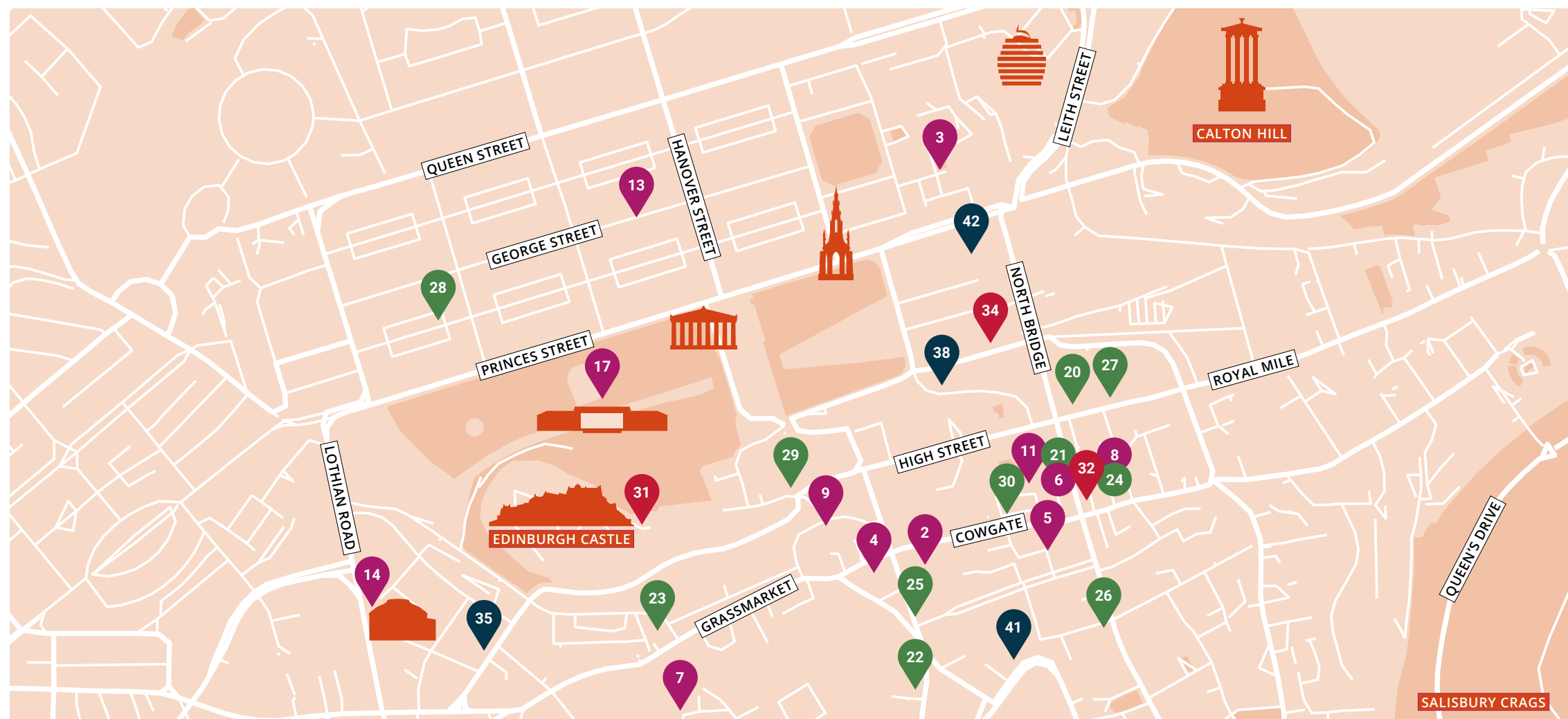
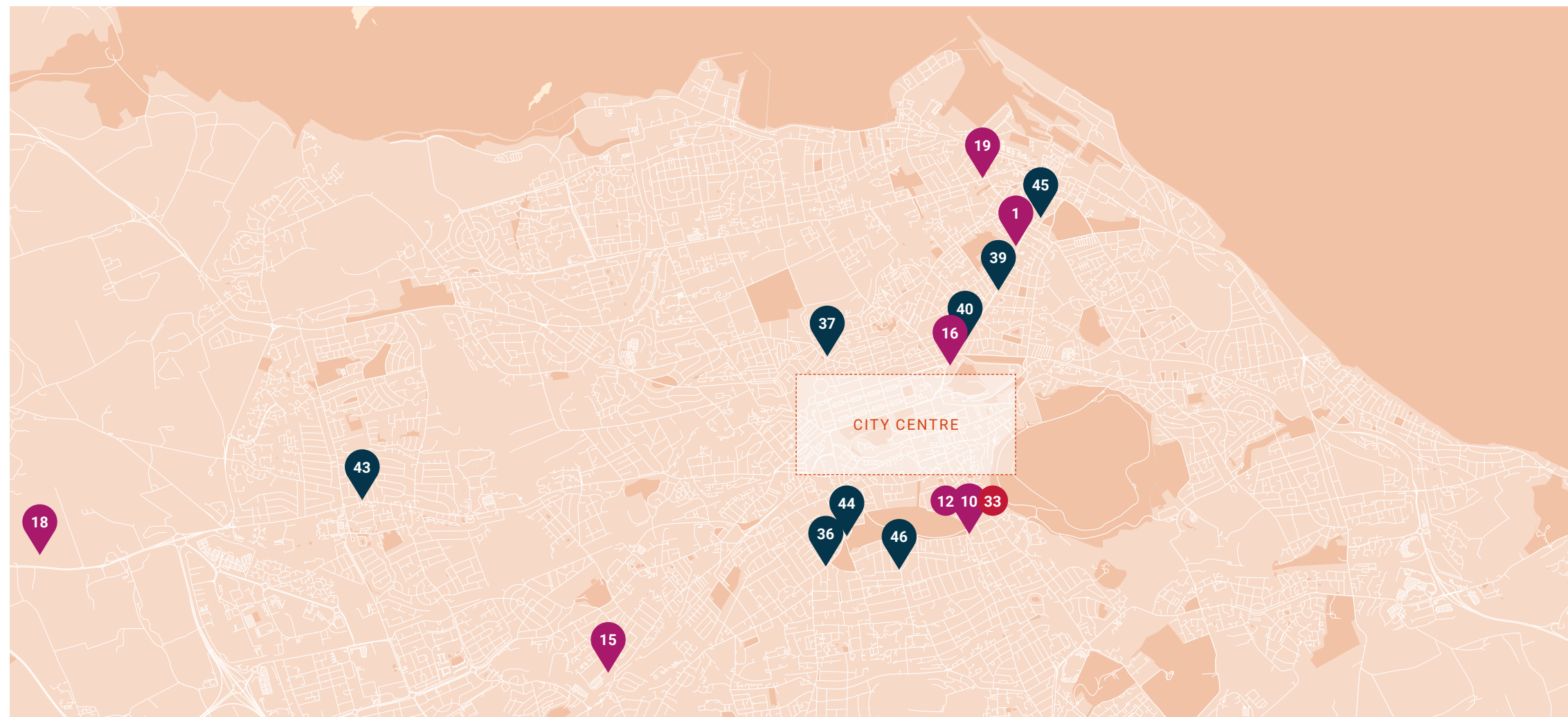
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For more information on music and what's on in Edinburgh, visit Forever Edinburgh's Official Guide to the city at edinburgh.org or scan this QR code.

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This map shows a selection of the city's venues, bars, places of interest & record shops. First created in July 2022, it may contain inaccurate information due to the passage of time and changing circumstances. Pin-points on the map should be used as general guidance to locations.



MUSIC VENUES

The city's main music venues which host gigs by touring acts and local talent

- 1 Leith Depot** | Mixed genre
This laid-back bar is owned by musicians and is a much-loved hub for live music
📍 138, 140 Leith Walk, EH6 5DT
- 2 Sneaky Pete's** | Mixed genre & club nights
Small but hugely respected venue bringing the best new bands to Edinburgh & supporting local acts. A must-visit, buzzing 7 nights a week
📍 73 Cowgate, EH1 1JW
- 3 The Voodoo Rooms** | Mixed genre & covers bands
A multi-award-winning cocktail bar featuring The Ballroom – an intimate event space hosting an eclectic array of gigs
📍 19a W Register St, EH2 2AA 🚶
- 4 The Bongo Club** | Mixed genre & club nights
Creative, cultural hub run by an arts charity with genre-hopping gigs and club nights
📍 66 Cowgate, EH1 1JX
- 5 The Mash House** | Mixed genre & club nights
Just off the Cowgate, a cool & key venue in the capital hosting touring rising stars & local talent
📍 37 Guthrie St, EH1 1JQ
- 6 The Jazz Bar** | Jazz, Blues, Funk & Soul
In this vibey basement you will find Scotland's leading independent jazz venue with gigs year round
📍 1a Chambers St, EH1 1HR
- 7 The Wee Red Bar** | Mixed genre & club nights
A compact student bar with live music, DJ sets and a programme of concerts
📍 74 Lauriston Pl, EH3 9DF 🚶
- 8 The Caves** | Mixed genre
A truly unique subterranean venue formed in vaults that once housed whisky but now often stages great gigs
📍 8-10 Niddry St S, EH1 1NS
- 9 The Liquid Room** | Mixed genre & club nights
Long-established mid-size venue for live shows, touring bands, tribute nights and dance clubs
📍 9c Victoria St, EH1 2HE 🚶
- 10 Summerhall** | Mixed genre
A distinctive venue that was once a Dissection Room, Summerhall stages wonderfully eclectic gigs for open-minded music fans
📍 1 Summerhall, Newington, EH9 1PL 🚶 🚶 🐾
- 11 La Belle Angèle** | Mixed genre & club nights
Oasis and Radiohead visited on their road to success, today La Belle still hosts exciting new talent along with heritage acts
📍 11 Hastie's Close, EH1 1HJ

12 The Queen's Hall | Mixed genre
Once a Georgian church, today it offers a unique and atmospheric place of worship for music lovers, particularly fans of classical, folk, pop and rock
📍 85-89 Clerk St, EH8 9JG

13 Assembly Rooms | Mixed genre
A Georgian multi-purpose, unique venue that hosts a wide range of concerts and festivals
📍 54 George Street, EH2 2LR

14 Usher Hall | Mixed genre
Scotland's only 5-star concert hall hosting the full musical spectrum – classical and jazz, rock and pop, world and folk
📍 Lothian Rd, EH1 2EA 🚶

15 O2 Academy Edinburgh | Mixed genre
A B-listed, 3000-capacity venue formerly known as the Corn Exchange with frequent gigs by big name touring acts
📍 11 New Market Rd, EH14 1RJ 🚶

16 Edinburgh Playhouse | Mixed genre
A former cinema & the UK's largest all-seated theatre, has staged gigs from Elton John to U2 and Bon Iver
📍 18-22 Greenside Pl, EH1 3AA

17 Ross Bandstand | Mixed genre
Like nowhere else in the world, this outdoor concert venue has Edinburgh Castle as its stunning backdrop
📍 104 Princes Street, Princes Street Gardens, EH2 3AA

18 Royal Highland Centre | Mixed genre
This sprawling site on the outskirts of the city occasionally hosts outdoor gigs & music festivals
📍 Ingliston, Newbridge, EH28 8NB

19 Leith Theatre
A charming, magical venue that is currently closed but gradually being brought back to life & occasionally opens for one-off events & festivals
📍 28-30 Ferry Rd, EH6 4AE

LIVE MUSIC BARS

A selection of bars and pubs with traditional Scottish music

20 Whistle Binkies | Indie, rock & the obscure
Housed deep in the vaults under South Bridge, this Edinburgh music institution offers live music 7 nights a week until the wee small hours, with free entry
📍 4-6 South Bridge, EH1 1LL 🚶

21 Bannermans | Rock to thrash metal
Well-loved rock and whisky bar in the Old Town, with regular live music across all styles
📍 212 Cowgate, EH1 1NQ 🚶 🐾

22 Sandy Bell's | Scottish & Irish Traditional
A pioneer for the Scottish folk music scene since the 1920's, Sandy Bell's is world-famous for its nightly Scottish & Irish traditional music sessions
📍 25 Forrest Rd, EH1 2QH 🚶 🐾

23 The Fiddler's Arms | Folk and acoustic
Located in the historic Grassmarket, this traditional Scottish pub features live music every weekend
📍 9-11 Grassmarket, EH1 2HY 🚶 🚶 🐾

24 The Royal Oak | Scottish folk
This 200-year-old pub has been at the heart of the Scots folk music scene since the 60s
📍 1 Infirmary St, EH1 1LT

25 Captain's Bar | Scottish Folk
Cosy, living room style bar showcasing Scottish acoustic and folk music most nights
📍 4 South College St, EH8 9AA 🚶 🐾

26 George IV Bar | Mixed genre
Just off the Royal Mile, hosting an eclectic mix of the best local live music from Thursday to Sunday
📍 54 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EJ 🚶 🚶 🐾

27 The Royal Mile Tavern | Mixed genre
One of Edinburgh's cosiest pubs with live music 7 nights a week playing traditional, Motown, classic rock and modern contemporary pop
📍 127 High St, EH1 1SG 🚶 🚶 🐾

28 The Black Cat | Scottish Folk
Whisky & local beer bar with live folk music on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday evenings
📍 168 Rose St, EH2 4BA 🚶 🚶 🐾

29 Ensign Ewart | Scottish Folk
Dating to 1680, with live traditional folk music most nights
📍 521-523 Lawnmarket, The Royal Mile EH1 2PE 🚶 🚶 🐾

30 Stramash
A larger than life music hub with an impressive stage and live music every day
📍 207 Cowgate, Old Town

MUSIC PLACES OF INTEREST

Some interesting places to explore

31 Edinburgh Castle Esplanade
Each summer, Edinburgh Castle's Esplanade is transformed into an unrivalled concert venue by global music artists who amplify the stunning backdrop
📍 Castlehill, EH1 2NG

32 St Cecilia's Concert Room and Music Museum
Visit Scotland's oldest purpose-built concert hall and its museum to see a fascinating collection of musical instruments dating back to the 16th century
📍 50 Niddry Street, EH1 1LG

33 The Southern
This craft beer and cocktail bar was once a rock pub and in 1991 hosted an impromptu acoustic gig by Nirvana
📍 22-26 South Clerk St, Newington, EH8 9PR

34 Fruitmarket Gallery
This contemporary art gallery has a cool warehouse space that is occasionally used for music events
📍 45 Market Street, EH1 1DF 🚶

INDEPENDENT RECORD SHOPS

Edinburgh has a wide range of record stores to discover

- 35 Assai Records**
Well-established vinyl hub with regular in-store events
📍 1 Grindlay Street, EH3 9AT
- 36 Thorne Records**
The new kid on Edinburgh's record store block, already a hit
📍 125 Bruntsfield Place, EH10 4EQ
- 37 VoxBox Music**
Much-loved store mostly selling pre-owned records
📍 21 St Stephen Street, EH3 5AN
- 38 Underground Solu'shn**
Wall to wall electronic and eclectic music
📍 9 Cockburn Street, EH1 1BP
- 39 Elvis Shakespeare**
Specialists in punk, alternative, indie and dance
📍 347 Leith Walk, EH6 8SD
- 40 Vinyl Villains**
Legendary shop full of rock, soul, punk, jazz, reggae, blues and folk
📍 5 Elm Row, EH7 4AA
- 41 Paradise Palms**
Brilliant bar with added bonus of a small vinyl shop
📍 41 Lothian Street, EH1 1HB
- 42 Avalanche Records**
Cult indie stacked full of vinyl, cassettes, CDs & t-shirts
📍 Waverley Mall, EH1 1BQ
- 43 Almond River Records**
Weird and wonderful selection in the Corstorphine area of the city
📍 253 St. John's Road, EH12 7XD
- 44 Greenhouse Records**
Hidden gem for lovers of leftfield sounds
📍 10 Barclay Terrace, EH10 4HP
- 45 Good Vibes Neighbourhood Store**
Friendly Leith record & book store
📍 151-153 Constitution Street, EH6 7AD
- 46 Ilium**
Purveyors of coffee, clothes & excellent records
📍 100 Marchmont Crescent, EH9 1HD



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