



MEET EDINBURGH'S MAKERS

BAKERS AND BARISTAS

An authentic, insider-led foodie's guide to Edinburgh, created in collaboration with eight of the city's top independent bakeries and cafes. Offering an alternative take on the traditional food guide and celebrating Edinburgh's world-leading food and drink establishments.



Morning

Breakfast in South Queensferry, Old Town and Edinburgh Park

→ Patina

Location: 1 New Park Square, 2 Airborne Pl, Edinburgh Park EH12 9GR

Serving: Delicious coffee served in handmade mugs and freshly baked breads and pastries.

Signature Dish: Cinnamon swirl, inspired by my travels to Copenhagen.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? Lannan Bakery is run by a good friend and is incredible. The range and quality is outstanding, don't miss the custard slice.

Selected by Owner Geffen Yoeli-Rimmer.

→ Dune Bakery

Location: 35B High St, South Queensferry EH30 9HN

Serving: Crafting exceptional viennoiserie, ranging from the classic pain au chocolat to unique creations like the blondie cheesecake cruffin.

Signature Dish: Classic croissant.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? I'm a big quality coffee fan, so it would have to be Cairngorm Coffee, Lowdown, or Fortitude.

Selected by owner, Lewis Gill.

→ The Milkman

Location: 7 Cockburn Street Edinburgh, 52 Cockburn Street Edinburgh and 11 High Street Peebles

Serving: Delicious coffee – we also love supporting independent makers and working together with them to create bespoke products.

Signature Dish: Any of our espresso based drinks are great depending on your preference but our most popular one is the Flat White.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? Origin Coffee is a B Corp business with a focus on sustainability, plus it has great coffee and great people. The cafe is a beautiful, cosy space on South College Street.

Selected by owner and founder, Mark Donald.

Brunch

Brunch and coffee in Leith, Morningside, and across the city

→ The Bearded Baker

Location: 46 Rodney Street EH7 4DX

Serving: Handmade bagels, cinnamon buns, and doughnuts prepared on-site.

Signature Dish: Sourdough cinnamon buns.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? It has to be Café Pomelo in Sciennes. Known for its delicious Asian fusion cuisine and a welcoming, neighborhood feel, it's a place where people can enjoy flavorful dishes that leave them feeling nourished and comforted. My must try dish? The salt and chili hash browns... speaks for itself, really!

Selected by Founder Rowan Walker.

→ Twelve Triangles

Location: Brunswick, Portobello, Duke Street, Morningside, Easter Road, Stockbridge and Dalry

Serving: Pastries, sandwiches, salads, ferments, and their signature slow, cold-fermented sourdough.

Signature Dish: House loaf, made with local flour and a blend of sesame, pumpkin, and linseeds.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? I'd go for Ardfern in Leith or Cafe Pomelo in Sciennes. Their menus are always changing to keep it fresh. The Pomelo cucumber salad with Sichuan pepper and hand-pulled noodles is a must, as are the hash browns from Ardfern.

Selected by Founder Emily Cuddeford.

→ Little Fitzroy

Location: 46 Easter road, Edinburgh EH7 5RG

Signature Dish: Vegan Chelsea Bunz- on weekends our bakers come up with some pretty wild flavours (think pineapple & coconut cheesecake, marmalade & tea, and smores) that are usually one-and-done. So the hype is real.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? The Source has exceptional coffees roasted by the owner and vegan bakery treats. I'd trust the barista to decide what to give me, whether a pour-over or a long espresso, they're all a luxury

Selected by owner/operator/barista Cathryn Cripps Clark.

Afternoon treats

Something sweet in the Old Town and around Stockbridge

→ Kilted Donut

Location: 23 Grassmarket EH1 2HS

Serving: Handmade artisan donuts that blend the best of Scottish and American flavours.

Signature Dish: Cranachan donut – combining the sweet, tart freshness of raspberry glaze with a creamy filling, topped off with a sprinkle of honey-roasted oats.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? Fitzroy has some of the best coffee in Edinburgh. I always get a flat white, and it's the perfect pick-me-up. If you're a coffee lover, it's definitely worth a visit.

Selected by Co-Founder Lena Wollan.

→ Mimi's Bakehouse

Location: Edinburgh and the Lothians

Serving: Afternoon Tea, all-day brunch, freshly baked scones and cakes.

Signature Dish: Freshly-baked scones, made daily and served with homemade mixed berry jam and Rodda's clotted cream.

What is your one must-try cafe in Edinburgh / EH? The Haven in Newhaven brings people together over delicious meals. Everything is delicious, but my must-try has to be the pancakes.

Selected by Ashley Harley, Chief Operating Officer and Mimi's daughter.



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