

Millers64 Edinburgh Recommendations

The following list is just some of the places we like to frequent or have visited and enjoyed. Please let us know if you find others during your stay with us which we can add to our list.

Delis/ Cafes

The Broughton Deli – 7 Barony Street (0131-558-7111)

www.broughton-deli.co.uk - A small red shop houses this small neighbourhood deli with café in the back of the shop. Ailith Anderson established this lovely place in 2006, and her experience of working with and loving food shines through.

Valvona and Crolla – 19 Elm Row (0131-556-6066)

www.valvonacrolla.com - Established by the Contini Family in 1934 this is an Edinburgh institution. This deli/shop/restaurant is a wonderful place for all foodies.

Urban Angel (0131-557-8589) www.urban-angel.co.uk - this modern café/deli is open in two central locations Forth Street, just off Broughton Street and Hanover Street just down from George Street. Urban Angel pride themselves on using seasonal, fresh and mainly local organic produce.

Artisan Roast Broughton Street www.artisanroast.co.uk – this very friendly café and Roastery offers great coffee to drink and beans to buy.

Wellington Coffee Corner of Hanover Street and George Street– this new café offers wonderful coffee and delicious range of snacks.

The Olive Branch 91 Broughton Street (0131-557-8589)

www.theolivebranchscotland.co.uk - this café/brasserie is an Edinburgh favourite open from brunch to dinner serving classic favourites.

Vin Caffé Multrees Walk (0131-557-0088) www.valvonacrolla.com - a great contemporary eatery also owned by Valvona and Crolla so it serves the best in of their fabulous deli food and more in a sophisticated atmosphere.

Leith Restaurants

La Favorita (0131-554-2430 www.la-favorita.com)- on Leith Walk, just a little further down from Pilrig Street, La Favorita has won the restaurant award for best pizzeria in the UK- modern Italian cooking- and great pizzas!

The Tailend Restaurant and Fish Bar 14-15 Albert Place just off Leith Walk (0131 555 3577) definitely try the Tailend restaurant for a sit-in meal or the Tailend fish bar for takeaway. It's a welcome and quality addition to Edinburgh and put very simply: a fish and chip shop Edinburgh needed.

The Ship on the Shore 24-26 Shore, Leith (0131-555-0409) the recent change of management and introduction of chef Michael Pasiecznik, has led to a new and exciting menu at this well known Leith establishment.

Malmaison Brassiere 1 Tower Place, Leith (0131 468 5000) www.malmaison-edinburgh.com is the restaurant of this boutique hotel, offering a comfortable and stylish atmosphere. With a varied menu from French à la carte menu to the 'home-grown and local' fixed price menu with in-depth information about local suppliers.

Restaurant Martin Wishart 54 The Shore (0131-553-3557) www.martin-wishart.co.uk – this award winning Michelin star restaurant in Edinburgh's port of Leith is a stunning fine dining experience not to be missed. The relaxed ambience provides a perfect backdrop for the superb food.

The Kitchin 78 Commercial Street (0131-555-1755) www.thekitchin.com - new kid on the block Tom Kitchin has created a minimal and stylish setting gaining a Michelin star just 6 months after opening. The menu boasts Scottish produce with a French influence celebrating the restaurants philosophy.

Loch Fyne – Pier Place, Newhaven Harbour (0131 559 3900) www.lochfyne.com enjoy some delicious fish or just a glass of wine looking out at the wonderful view of Newhaven Harbour and the Firth of Forth.

City Centre Restaurants

Iris – 47a Thistle Street off Hanover Street behind George Street (0131 220 2111) www.irisedinburgh.co.uk this chic little bistro has a welcoming staff and stylish interior offering great Modern European food and a very reasonable wine list ideal for informal lunch or dinner.

Fishers in the City - 58 Thistle Street off Hanover Street behind George Street (0131 225 5109) www.fishersbistros.co.uk this is the sister restaurant of Fishers at Leith. Both restaurants offer a varied seafood menu with an interesting wine list.

Gusto - George Street near Charlotte Square (0131 225 2555) www.gustorestaurants.uk.com – this stylish addition on George Street offers a great Italian menu with an interesting selection of wine and cocktails.

Oloroso 33 Castle Street (0131 226 7614) www.oloroso.co.uk

Is three floors up and has an amazing view, the wide terrace is surely one of the city's most attractive alfresco dining spots. Tony Singh and team ensure a continued reputation for fine food, wine and service.

The Witchery by the Castle Castlehill, Royal Mile (0131 225 5613) www.thewitchery.com the combination of oak-panelled walls, red leather upholstery, tapestries and antique brass candlesticks makes the atmosphere in the historic 16th century building nothing short of magical and advisable to book.

The Outsider (0131-226-3131)- located on George Fourth Bridge close to the Royal Mile and has stunning views to the castle- advance bookings needed every night of the week. This restaurant and its sister **The Apartment** 7-13 Barclay Place (0131 228 6456) offer a stylish yet original eating experience where sharing plates are the order of the day.

The Fourth Floor Restaurant at Harvey Nichols Multrees Walk (0131-524-8350) www.harveynichols.com this is very much a place to see and be seen- a stylish bar, bistro and restaurant for lunch and dinner with great views across the city. Look out for their set menu which is good value and try one of their many delicious cocktails.

Hadrian's (0131-557-5000) www.thebalmoralhotel.com- ground floor of the Balmoral Hotel on Princes Street, offers cool contemporary décor, offering a very delicious lunch and dinner menu with very efficient service. The bar next door is a great place to have a relaxed drink following a days shopping.

The Scotsman Hotel- North Bridge Brasserie (0131-622-2846) www.thescotsmanhotel.co.uk - This hotel used to be the home of the Scotsman newspaper, the brassiere is the old reception area- wonderful marble columns set against a very contemporary glass staircase, offering an appealing lunch and dinner menu.

David Bann Restaurant - (0131-556-5888) www.davidbann.com - 100% vegetarian but without the stereotype! Bann's is located on St Mary's Street just off the royal Mile. It boasts a cool interior with modern and polished vegetarian menu.

Bars

Bramble Bar – (0131 226 6343) www.bramblebar.co.uk Bramble Bar and Lounge located at the corner of Hanover and Queen Street is a funky and trendy place to drink with DJ's at the weekends.

The Barony Bar – on Broughton Street, half way down on the right hand side. This is a very traditional Edinburgh bar with a mixed age local crowd. Worth a visit- especially for a taste of their pies!!

Roseleaf Bar – 23–24 Sandport Place, Leith (0131 476 5268) www.roseleaf.co.uk this former old man's boozier was overhauled, filled with flea market furniture, mismatched chintzy crockery and brass animals, and relaunched in July 2007. This very friendly place serves a variety food from nibble plates to burgers and has a very interesting cocktail list.

Rick's - Fredrick Street, between George and Queen Street (0131-622-7800) www.ricksedinburgh.co.uk- this bar/restaurant, this epitomises up-town Edinburgh, contemporary décor with a busy atmosphere. It is advisable to book a table at the weekend.

The Opal Lounge - George Street between Frederick and Hanover Streets, (0131-226-2275) www.opallounge.co.uk - is of similar styling to Rick's, with a good Asian twist to the menu.

Tigerlily – George Street (0131-225-5005) www.tigerlilyedinburgh.co.uk - this stylish and fashionable bar/restaurant/nightclub (Lulu) is a big hit.

The Dome – George Street (0131-624-8624) www.thedomeedinburgh.com - this is a lovely place for lunch inside The Club Room you feel transported to another time, the ceiling in the Grill Room is breathtaking and in the summer the Garden Room is a lovely place to enjoy the sun and the food/drink.

Voodoo Rooms 19a West Register Street (0131 556 7060) www.voodooorooms.com this eclectic venue offers a bar, restaurant and live music.

DragonFly West Port top of the Grassmarket (0131-228-4543) www.dragonflycocktailbar.com – even though this is not close it is worth a visit while walking round the Old Town. This bar is very hip has a mixed trendy crowd and quirky/contemporary interior.

Victoria /Boda /Sofi's / Pearce's- www.bodabar.com These 4 bars are all owned by a Swedish couple and all have individual identities attracting a diverse local crowd - **Victoria** (serving 11 different gins) and **Boda** are located a little further down Leith Walk on the other side from Pilrig Street, **Sofi's** (regularly exhibits work of local artists) is on Henderson Street just next to the shore in Leith, **Pearce's** – is a large airy bar offering Swedish food- on the corner of Elm Row at the top of Leith Walk.

Shopping

Areas

Princes Street- the main street in town which faces the castle (the Number 11 Bus drops you just by Princes Street Gardens). Here you'll find a mix of all the regular high street shops- *HMV/Virgin record shops at the west end, Waterstone's book shop close by, M&S, and Jenners close to the railway station.*

Multrees Walk off St Andrews Square (the Number 11 Bus drops you off just outside Harvey Nichols) this area houses a range of upmarket shops including *Harvey Nicholls, Louis Vuitton, Mulberry, Links of London, Calvin Klein, Reiss and Kurt Geiger.*

George Street- parallel to Princes Street, this street offers a wide selection of upmarket shops, cafes and restaurants. The shops range from *Whistles, Space NK, Jo Malone, Karen Millen, Cruise (a Scottish Designer emporium) to Hamilton and Inches famous Edinburgh jewellers.*

Thistle Street – parallel to George Street between Hanover and Fredrick Street there are some very special original shops including; *21st Century Kilts* www.21stcenturykilts.com where you can get fitted for a unique kilt, this wonderful shop is owned and run by the charming and talented Howie Nicholsby; *Jane Davidson* www.janedavidson.co.uk is wonderful store which is ranked one of the top 25 boutiques in the world; Pam Jenkins www.pamjenkins.co.uk is a shop for anyone who loves shoes

Stockbridge – (the Number 36 Bus drops you off in Hamilton Place) this area has a few retail gems including *Jeffery Interiors* www.jeffreys-interiors.co.uk and *Diana Forrester* www.dianaforrester.co.uk on North West Circus Place walk a bit further down into Raeburn Place and drop into the lovely shop Annie Smith Jewellery www.anniesmith.co.uk

Bruntsfield – (the Number 11 Bus will drop you off just beyond the Links) just by Bruntsfield Links and the Meadows. A range of lovely individual shops including *Rosie Brown* jewellery shop www.rosiebrownejewellery.com ; *Coco of Bruntsfield* www.coco-chocolate.co.uk stunning chocolate shop; *Halibut and Herring* www.halibutandherring.co.uk a colourful gift shop and *Ooh Ruby Shoes* www.oohrubysshoes.co.uk a splendid shoe shop

Victoria Street- a downhill walk from just off the Royal Mile (near the George IV Bridge crossroads). This area has many one off shops and leads down to the Grassmarket which has interesting buildings and shops.

St Mary's Street/Jeffrey Street- these streets meet each other at an intersection near the bottom of the Royal Mile- a good mix of individual shops- jewellery, flowers, gift shops including 'Present' www.buygiftsatpresent.co.uk on St Mary's St which is run by the very creative and talented Kiaz Trepte.

Millers64 tips on some other things to do....

1. **Mary Kings Close** - hidden beneath the Royal Mile this is an amazing view of Edinburgh's past (08702 430 160) www.realmarykingsclose.com
2. **Scott Monument** – Situated in Princes Street Gardens this 200-foot spire dedicated to Sir Walter Scott, the famous Scottish poet is a wonderful monument with 283 steps which you can climb. The view from the top is spectacular (0131-529-4068)
3. **Afternoon Tea at the Palm Court, Balmoral Hotel** -2.30pm till 5.30pm accompanied by a harpist is a very civilised way to spend an afternoon www.thebalmoralhotel.com
4. **Botanic Gardens** - take a walk along the Water of Leith- you can stop off at the Botanic Gardens have lunch in their new Caledonian Café www.rbge.org.uk
5. **North Berwick** – take a trip by train from Waverley Station down to this beautiful seaside town 'Biarritz of the North' (around 30 minutes on the train) check out the Seabird Centre or take a boat trip to the Bass Rock www.seabird.org
6. **Edinburgh Farmers Market** - Held every Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm at Castle Terrace with up to 35 producers from all over Scotland. Situated in the heart of the city beneath Edinburgh Castle, this is a wonderful place to buy some produce to take home.
7. **St Andrews Square** – take time out from shopping and sightseeing, drop in for coffee in this beautiful square which was opened to the public in Spring 2008.
8. **City Bus Tour** – a great way to see the city and get your bearings is to take a bus tour from Waverley Bridge www.edinburghstour.com
9. **Inchcolm Island** – visit this island on the Firth of Forth which is a haven for marine life and has one of the best preserved group of monastic buildings in Scotland www.forthboattours.com
10. **The Scottish Parliament** - Holyrood at the foot of the Royal Mile (0131 348 5000) www.scottish.parliament.uk this controversial building is well worth a visit designed by Enric Miralles, one of the world's premier architects. Situated in front of the spectacular Holyrood Park and Salisbury Crags. Constructed from a mixture of steel, oak, and granite, the complex building has been hailed as one of the most innovative designs in Britain today.