



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

Porto and Fi – 47 Newhaven Main Street (0131 551 1900 www.portofi.com) a family run café-deli-bistro on the corner of Newhaven Main Street, ideally situated to capture stunning views over The Firth of Forth, serving fresh and tasty light bites and main meals are available.

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 who enjoy great Italian cuisine.

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.

Wellington - Coffee Corner of Hanover Street and George Street– this chic little café offers wonderful coffee and delicious range of snacks with the option of sitting in or out.

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.

Loopy Lornas Tea House – 370-372 Morningside Road (0131 447 9217 www.loopylornas.com) – this wonderful tea shop aims to recreate a real taste of home through providing the very best in quality loose leaf teas and real home-baking baked on the premises. All served on mismatching porcelain in very colourful surroundings!!

Restaurants

Leith area

La Favorita – 325-331 Leith Walk (0131 554 2430 www.la-favorita.com) 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!

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.

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.

Fishers Bistros - 1 Shore Leith (0131 554 5666) and 58 Thistle Street (0131 225 5109 www.fishersbistros.co.uk) these two sister fish restaurants are a big favourite and offer a delicious menu of traditional Scottish fish dishes as well as some eclectic dishes.

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.

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 ambiance 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 contemporary setting gaining a Michelin star just 6 months after opening. The menu boasts Scottish seasonal produce with a French influence celebrating the restaurants philosophy.

City Centre

The Fourth Floor Restaurant at Harvey Nichols - (0131 524 8350 www.harveynichols.com) - 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.

Oloroso – 33 Castle Street, just off George Street (0131 226 7614 www.oloroso.co.uk), a relaxing rooftop sanctuary high above the commotion of the city centre, with thrilling views over Edinburgh's skyline, Oloroso is an award-winning restaurant, stylish bar and lively lounge

The Dogs – (0131 220 1208 www.thedogsonline.co.uk) 110 Hanover Street, just down from the corner of George Street, 'the dogs' is to be a place for everyone who wishes to partake of great value food and wine, in a chilled environment with no frills or fuss, try the newest additions to this restaurant **Amore Dogs** and **Under Dogs** all right by the original Dogs, plus Sea Dogs in Rose Street.

Iris - 47a Thistle Street (0131 220 2111 www.irisedinburgh.co.uk) – this intimate restaurant offers a cosmopolitan atmosphere with a modern European menu.

The Saint – 44 St. Stephen's Street (0131 225 9009 www.thesaintedinburgh.co.uk) you will find this welcoming bistro in this lovely famous New Town Street, offering a Modern British menu at very reasonable prices.

The Outsider - located on George Fourth Bridge close to the Royal Mile (0131 226 3131) 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.

David Bann Restaurant- St. Mary's Street - (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.

Bonsai -46 West Richmond Street (0131 668 3847 www.bonsaibarbistro.co.uk) Bonsai offers a wonderful Japanese menu, great service and a lovely relaxed atmosphere very much embodies the feel and cuisine of an Izakaya (a Japanese pub).

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.

Hadrian's - (0131 557 5000 www.thebalmoralhotel.com) located on the 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.

North Bridge Brasserie The Scotsman Hotel - (0131 622 2846 www.thescotsmanhotel.co.uk) the brasserie is the old reception area of the original Scotsman offices- wonderful marble columns set against a very contemporary glass staircase, offering an appealing lunch and dinner menu.

Bars

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 (0131 476 5268 www.roseleaf.co.uk) Leith 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.

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) this is worth a visit while walking round the Old Town. This bar is very hip has a mixed trendy crowd and quirky/contemporary interior.

Underthestairs - 3a Merchant Street (0131 466 8550 www.understairsbar.org) just off Candlemaker Row this little gem offers great food, drink, gigs and staff in a very relaxed environment.

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.

Ecco Vino - 19 Cockburn Street (0131 225 1441 www.babygrandgroup.co.uk) this wonderful little bar is great for a stop off while site seeing in the Old Town. It has a 50 bottle wine list with a good selection by the glass too. This bar also offers a great selection of delicious snacks ranging from bruschetta to wonderful cheese boards.

Elbow - 133 - 135 East Claremont Street (0131 556 5662 www.elbowedinburgh.co.uk) about a 15 minute walk from Millers64, lovely bar which serves delicious food with friendly staff.

Shopping Areas

Princes Street- take the Number 11 bus to the start of this this famous street in the City Centre overlooks Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street Gardens. Here you'll find a mix of all the regular high street shops- Next, Zara, All Saints, Urban Outfitters, Gap towards the west end, Office, Clarks, M&S, and Jenners (a famous old Edinburgh store) closer to the railway station.

Multrees Walk – just off St Andrews Square, this area houses a range of upmarket shops including Harvey Nichols, Louis Vuitton, Mulberry, Links of London, Calvin Klein, Reiss and Kurt Geiger.

George Street- parallel to Princes Street offers a wide selection of upmarket shops, cafes and restaurants. The shops include Whistles, Space NK, Jo Malone, Karen Millen, L.K Bennet, Hamilton Inches, Arran Aromatics, Molton Brown and Penhaligons.

Wander down Hanover Street off George Street and you will find Thistle Street which has a range of lovely one off shops including 21st Century Kilts owned and run by the lovely Howie Nicholsby www.21stcenturykilts.com.

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 on North West Circus Place walk a bit further down into Raeburn Place and drop into Annie Smith Jewellery www.anniesmith.co.uk and Dolly Leo Apothocary www.dollyleo.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.oohrubyshoes.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...

- Mary Kings Close - hidden beneath the Royal Mile this is an amazing view of Edinburgh's past – best to book in advance as this is a very popular attraction (08702 430 160 www.realmarykingsclose.com)
- The Georgian House - The Georgian House in Charlotte Square, has been magnificently restored to show a typical Edinburgh New Town House of the late 18th-early 19th century, only open to the public on certain days so best to check the website for opening times (www.nts.org.uk)
- Six life-size figures by Antony Gormley the famous sculptor arrived in Edinburgh in June 2010. The first 6ft statue is buried up to its neck in the grounds of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and 'represents embedment within an urban situation'. The next four have been lowered into the Water of Leith as it flows through the city to the sea. The final figures stares out to sea at the end of an old pier at Leith Docks and signifies 'the freedom of looking out to an endless horizon'.
- Afternoon Tea at Prestonfield House –this wonderful afternoon tea is made to order and served in stunning surroundings – definitely worth booking and dedicating an afternoon too! (www.prestonfield.com)
- Botanic Gardens - take a walk along the Water of Leith- you can stop off at the Botanic Gardens (www.rbge.org.uk).have lunch in their new Gateway Restaurant (www.gatewayrestaurant.net)
- 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).
- Jupiter Artland – this contemporary sculpture garden in the private grounds of Bonnington House on the western fringes of Edinburgh definitely well worth a visit remember to visit the wonderful café run by the lovely Barry Bryson (www.jupiterartland.org)
- Edinburgh Farmers Market - Held every Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm at Castle Terrace with up to 35 producers from all over Scotland. (www.edinburghfarmersmarket.com)
- 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.
- City Bus Tour – a great way to see the city (www.edinburghstour.com)
- 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)
- 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.
- The Stand Comedy Club – this is one of Scotland's foremost venues for live and original comedy based at 5 York Place (www.thestand.co.uk) 0131 558 7272
- The Jazz Bar –1A Chambers Street (www.thejazzbar.co.uk) offers great Jazz gigs every night.