

Ben's Recommendations / Useful (hopefully!) Information

Places to visit:

Photostops / mindful spaces: Dean Village & Waters of Leith, Calton Hill, Arthur's Seat, Princes Street Gardens.

Places to entertain children (and inquisitive parents!): National Museum of Scotland, Dynamic Earth, Camera Obscura.

Places to eat: (the OpenTable app or website is highly recommended)

Steak Pie – Auld Hundred, Rose Street.

Italian – Contini, George Street

Date night – The Witchery, beside the castle / Devil's Advocate, just off the royal mile

A little further out – The Shore in Leith offers a variety of excellent restaurants, I would recommend a stroll and see what takes your fancy, or google ahead and choose your cuisine. All the venues here are fantastic and virtually next door to each other.

Places to drink:

Just a drink with friends – The Huxley, Princes Street

Cocktails – Panda & Sons (world top40 pubs), Queen Street (speak easy down the stairs and through the bookcase). You may need to book / be charming and tip the doorstaff.

Castle views – Cold Town House, Grassmarket – rooftop bar

Sports events & atmosphere – The Three Sisters / The Black Bull (both in the Grassmarket).

Escape from Edinburgh (and all the walking!):

Stirling is easily accessible by public transport, offering a castle with a phenomenal history from the Scottish Wars of Independence (take the regular guided tour option), Stirling Old Town Jail (immersive experience for the whole family), the Wallace Monument (bus / taxi or a decent walk). The Stirling City Pass is probably the best value way to enjoy a full day in the city.

Stirling is an amazing day if you get an internet summary the day ahead and get to Stirling as early as you can (there's plenty to do!). The Birds & Bees is a traditional pub if you wanted to split the journey to / from the Wallace Monument, but probably best to call ahead and try to book.

None of the above is commissioned, they are what my family likes to do in our own time.

Enjoy the remainder of your stay in Edinburgh / Scotland and feel free to reach out if you have any questions, or would like us to help friends and family in future Scottish adventures.