20 Best Free Things to Do in Edinburgh, Scotland

Edinburgh, Scotland's beautiful capital city, is full of fun and free things to do. From exploring its historic streets to visiting its world-class museums, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

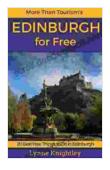
Here are 20 of the best free things to do in Edinburgh:

- 1. Walk the Royal Mile. This iconic street runs from Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace and is lined with shops, restaurants, and historic buildings.
- 2. Visit Edinburgh Castle. This ancient castle dominates the city skyline and is one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions.
- 3. **Explore the Old Town.** The Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to many of Edinburgh's most famous landmarks, including St. Giles' Cathedral and the National Museum of Scotland.
- 4. **Take a walk through Princes Street Gardens.** These beautiful gardens are located in the heart of Edinburgh and offer stunning views of the city.
- 5. Visit the National Museum of Scotland. This world-class museum is home to a vast collection of artifacts from Scotland's history and culture.
- 6. Take a free guided tour of the Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Parliament is the devolved parliament of Scotland and is located in the Holyrood area of Edinburgh.

- 7. Visit the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. This beautiful garden is home to a wide variety of plants from around the world.
- 8. **Take a walk up Arthur's Seat.** This extinct volcano offers stunning views of the city and is a popular spot for hiking and picnics.
- 9. Visit the Museum of Modern Art. This museum is home to a collection of modern and contemporary art from around the world.
- 10. **Take a free walking tour of Edinburgh.** There are a number of free walking tours available in Edinburgh, which are a great way to learn about the city's history and culture.
- 11. Visit the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This world-famous arts festival takes place every August and features a wide variety of performances, including theater, comedy, and dance.
- 12. **Take a stroll through the Dean Village.** This picturesque village is located on the Water of Leith and is a popular spot for walks and picnics.
- 13. **Visit the Scottish National Gallery.** This gallery is home to a collection of Scottish art from the Renaissance to the present day.
- 14. **Take a free guided tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse.** This palace is the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland.
- 15. Visit the National Library of Scotland. This library is home to a vast collection of books and manuscripts from around the world.
- 16. **Take a walk through the Royal Mile Gardens.** These gardens are located on the Royal Mile and offer stunning views of the city.
- 17. Visit the Surgeons' Hall Museums. These museums are home to a collection of medical artifacts and specimens.

- 18. **Take a free guided tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia.** This yacht was the former royal yacht of the British monarch and is now a museum.
- 19. Visit the Camera Obscura and World of Illusions. This museum is home to a variety of optical illusions and interactive exhibits.
- 20. **Take a walk through the Meadows.** This large park is located in the south of Edinburgh and is a popular spot for walks, picnics, and sports.

These are just a few of the many free things to do in Edinburgh. With so much to see and do, you're sure to have a great time exploring this beautiful city.



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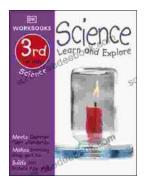
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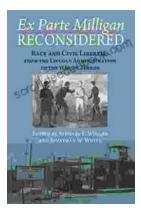
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