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## TO DO

### *1. The view from Princess Street to the old city*

#### **Princess Street, Edinburgh, Scotland**

Make sure to run down to Princess Street and marvel at the dramatic skyline of the citycentre. It houses the world's first skyscrapers (medieval buildings that were up to fourteen stories high, because of their locations on hills).

### *2. The Royal Mile*

#### **Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH1 2PB, Scotland**

It is impossible to miss The Royal Mile, the central street in the middle of Old Town Edinburgh. The street got its name because it connects Edinburgh Castle with the lower royal castle of Holyrood palace, which is where the royal family stays when they visit.

### *3. City Chambers/The Royal Exchange*

#### **253 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ, Scotland**

It's really not a very subtle building, with its gateway and pillars.

When you enter you end up on a square that holds a statue of Alexander the Great taming his horse Bucaphalus. And though it now serves as the City Chambers, the building once held 'The Royal Exchange', an initiative to house the local merchants.

### *4. Mercat Cross*

#### **18 Edinburgh Road, Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland**

From this tower royal announcements are still being made, three days after they have been spoken in London.

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### *5. Camera Obscure*

**549 Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2ND, Scotland**

Camera Obscura is one of the most enjoyable museums I've ever visited. It's actually better to call it an attraction than a museum, because of its interactive nature that allows you to touch everything, and walk in and around things.

### *6. Mercat Tours*

**Mercat House, 28 Blair St, Edinburgh EH1 1QR, Scotland**

The 'Secrets of the Royal Mile' teaches you how people lived on- and around the Royal Mile. The 'Ghosts and Gouls' tour has nice stories about all the horrors that took place in Edinburgh (serial killers, ghosts, executions etc), but thankfully isn't scary at all!

### *7. The Real Mary Kings Close*

**2 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1PG, Scotland**

. The tour visits actual old houses, guided by a girl that plays the role of the housemaid of one of the richest families in the close. She guides you through rooms that are decorated true to history and tells you real stories that took place in the close.

### *8. Edinburgh Castle*

**Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NG, Scotland**

Not a cheap place to visit by all means, but interesting. It allows you to see the crown jewels, the house where a king was born and the place where the crown jewels were buried in the second world war.

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### *9. The Harbour*

**Edinburgh EH6 4TX, Scotland**

"The Royal Britannia" is docked in the harbour of Edinburgh, a former ship of the royal family, which is accessible to tourists.

### *10. Arthurs seat*

**Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, Schotland**

The highest peak in the Pentland Hills. How beautiful is it when you can take a beautiful hike so close to the city?

### *11. Scotch Whiskey Experiences*

**354 Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE, Scotland**

Here you can explore Scotland's diverse whisky regions and the flavours that the countryside imparts to its whiskies. End your visit relaxing over a whisky in the bar!

### *12. Surgeons Hall museum*

**Nicolson St, Edinburgh, Midlothian EH8 9DW, Scotland**

A museum about the history of surgery from the sixteenth century until now. With exhibits about pathology, skulls, and a book that's made from human skin by famous serial killers Burke & Hare from Edinburgh.

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