

Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotland, UK

Scotland's dramatic capital — a medieval castle on a volcanic crag, a cobbled Royal Mile lined with history, and the iconic trio of Forth Bridges framing your arrival at South Queensferry.

⚓ Docked at Leith or Tender at South Queensferry

🕒 Typical call: 8–10 hrs

🇬🇧 British Pound (GBP)

🌐 English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Leith (docked) or South Queensferry (tender)

City transfer: ~30–45 min by shuttle/taxi

Best For: History · Castles · Scenic walks

Don't Miss: Edinburgh Castle & the Royal Mile

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✓ £30–£45 one-way · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Edinburgh Castle & the Royal Mile** — Scotland's most visited attraction perches on an ancient volcanic plug above the city.
- **Palace of Holyroodhouse** — The official Scottish residence of the British monarch at the foot of the Royal Mile.
- **Royal Yacht Britannia** — The decommissioned royal yacht is moored at Leith's Ocean Terminal — five minutes from the cruise berth.
- **Arthur's Seat hike** — The summit of an extinct volcano rising 251 m above the city, just a short walk from Holyrood.
- **Forth Bridges & South Queensferry village** — Three bridges across the Forth: the UNESCO-listed Victorian cantilever rail bridge, the 1964 road bridge, and the sweeping 2017 Queensferry Crossing.

BEST WALKS

- **The Royal Mile — Castle to Holyrood** ~1.6 km · 1.5–2 hrs · easy (one long downhill) — Walk the entire Royal Mile from the Castle Esplanade down through Lawnmarket, the High Street, and Canongate to Holyroodhouse.
- **Arthur's Seat summit loop** ~7 km · 2–3 hrs · moderate (steep in places) — Start from Holyrood Park, climb through Hunter's Bog to the summit of Arthur's Seat for 360° views, then descend via Salisbury Crag for a dramatic ridge walk back to...
- **South Queensferry waterfront & Forth Bridges view** ~2 km · 1 hr · easy — From the tender pier, stroll along South Queensferry's historic High Street and harbourfront for close-up views of all three Forth bridges.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	High	Low	Rain
Mon	51°	39°	11d
Apr	62°	51°	14d
Jun	64°	53°	15d
Aug	61°	51°	12d
Sep	55°	46°	15d
Oct			

🇬🇧 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:07AM–8:19PM · Jun 4:26AM–10:00PM · Aug 5:44AM–8:48PM ·
Sep 6:45AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:11PM

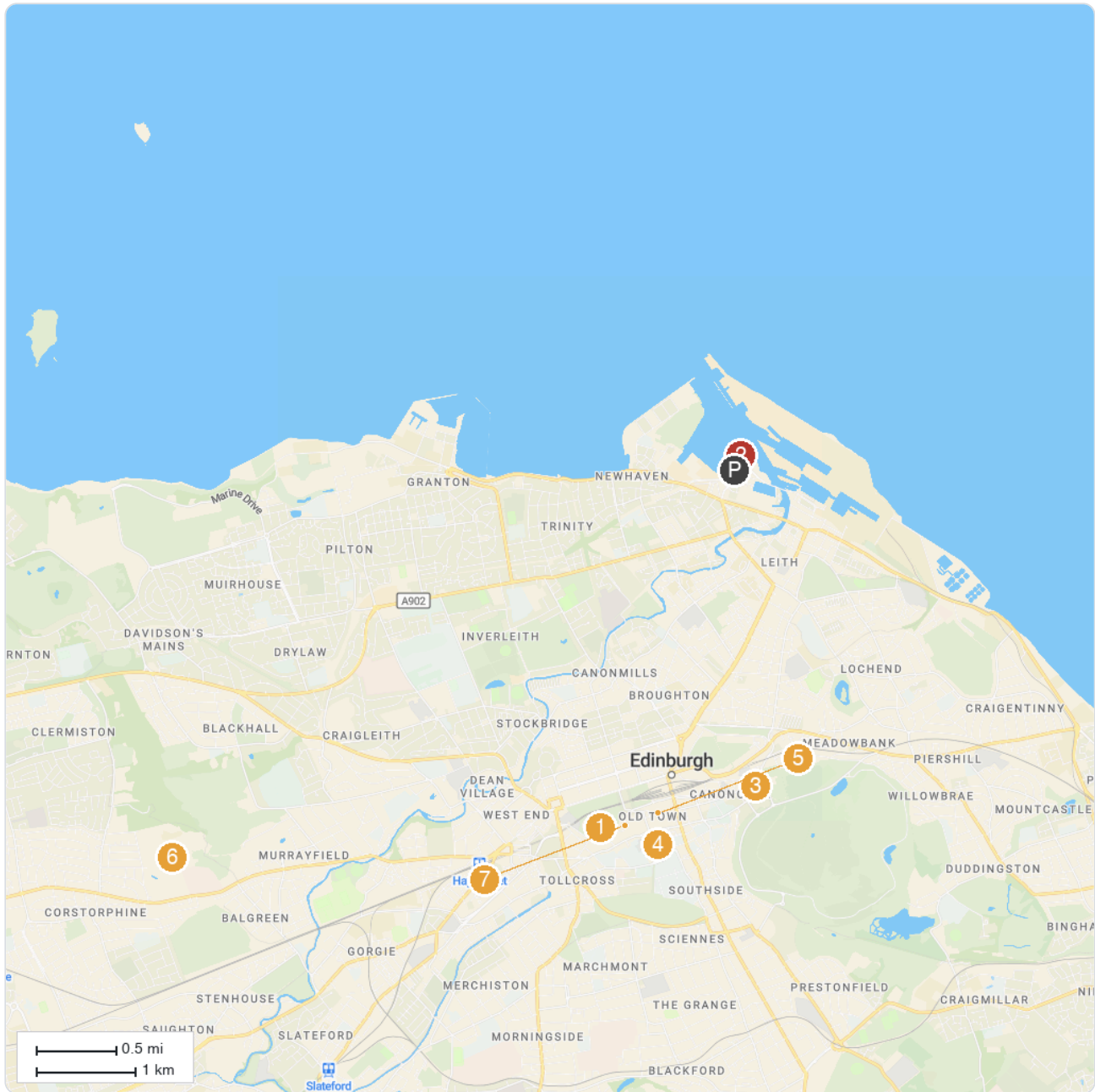
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a waterproof. Edinburgh weather is famously changeable — rain can arrive fast even in summer. A light waterproof jacket fits in any day bag and makes cobblestone climbs much more pleasant.
- Confirm your berth before you go. Leith and South Queensferry are 12 miles apart. Check the ship's daily programme — it changes the logistics of your whole day.
- Pre-book Edinburgh Castle. It's Scotland's most popular attraction and sells out, especially in summer. Book tickets online before you sail or join your ship's excursion — same-day queues are long.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Scotland is card-friendly. You'll rarely need cash, though a few castle gift shops and small cafés on the Royal Mile still prefer it.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The Royal Mile and Old Town are heavily cobbled; heels are a bad idea. Arthur's Seat requires proper walking shoes or boots.
- Britannia is steps from Leith pier. If your ship docks at Leith, the Royal Yacht Britannia at Ocean Terminal is a five-minute walk — a great first stop before heading into town.

Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotland, UK — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Edinburgh Castle | 2 The Royal Yacht Britannia |
| 3 Scottish Parliament Building | 4 National Museum of Scotland |
| 5 The Real Mary King's Close | 6 Edinburgh Zoo |
| 7 The Scotch Whisky Experience | P Cruise port / terminal |