The best cafes here in Edinburgh

Note: Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.

Ever wondered where the best places to sit back, relax, and enjoy a cup of coffee in Edinburgh would be? Well here it is! The list of cafes which are highly recommended by locals and tourists in Edinburgh. Have a cup of coffee while reading.

Machina Espresso

They are best known for the quality of their coffee, which is considered to be one of Edinburgh's best. They also sell coffee beans and coffee making equipment.

They currently have 2 shops. One is in Brougham Place and the other one is in Nicolson Street.

Brougham Place:

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 8 am to 6 pm

Sunday 9 am to 5 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 229 3495

Address: 2 Brougham Place, Tollcross, Edinburgh EH3 9HW, UK

Nicolson Street:

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 629 9825

Address: 80 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9EW, UK

Price Range: ₱205 - ₱666 Best sellers: Espressos



Thomas J Walls Coffee

The cafe has a cozy kind of feel to it and is great for both kids and adults. It's a large and elegant cafe just located on the South side of Edinburgh's busy old town. It was once an optometry shop turned into a trendy coffee shop, that has received high ratings from their customers.

Opening hours: Sunday - Monday 8 am to 7 pm

Tuesday - Saturday 7:30 am to 7 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 221 7242

Email: sharpjd@hotmail.com

Address: Forrest Road, Edinburgh EH1 2QN, UK

Price Range: £2.90 - £9

Best sellers: Espresso, ice americano, iced latte, avocado toast with feta and pumpkin seeds, spicy eggs Benedict with Sriracha hollandaise, and smoked salmon rosti



The Milkman

Opened way back in 2015 and has currently been a success, the coffee shop is highly rated from their customers due to their super friendly staff and a nice atmosphere for everyone and good quality coffee.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday - Sunday 9 am to 6 pm

Contact Info: +44 7772 077920

Email: mark@themilkman.coffee

Address: 7 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh EH1 1BP, UK

Price Range: £7 - £10

Best sellers: Espressos, batch brew coffee, cake, and light meals



Brew Lab Coffee

It's trendy and an innovative coffee shop offering single origin brews and artisanal products. It is also Edinburgh's home for specialty coffee and also has become a home away from home for locals and visitors alike. They offer two espressos and two filters everyday, each different, each delicious.

Opening hours: Monday 8 am to 6 pm

Tuesday - Friday 8 am to 8 pm Saturday - Sunday 9 am to 8 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 662 8963

Email: info@brewlabcoffee.co.uk

Address: 6 - 8 South College Street, Edinburgh EH8 9AA, UK

Price Range: £5.50 - £15

Best sellers: Espressos, filter coffee, cakes, pastries, handmade baguettes, soup, and salad



Leo's Beanery

It's a small family run daytime coffee shop, opened since 2004 and also has high recommendations from their customers. From what most customers say, it's a must go to cafe in Edinburgh.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm Sunday 9:30 am to 5 pm Contact Info: +44 131 556 8403

Email: info@leosbeanery.co.uk

Address: 23A Howe Street, Edinburgh EH3 6TF, UK

Price Range: £10 - £25

Best sellers: Gluten free cakes and brownies, coffee, croque mon scone, and fresh flaky cheese scone topped with melted mature cheddar



Artisan Roast

The coffee shop has a very relaxing atmosphere they're very laid back and snug. They offer great quality coffee and very friendly staff. 10BEST (critic review) said that "Artisan Roast is the Mecca of coffee lovers in Edinburgh"

They currently have 3 shops Edinburgh. One in Broughton, one in Bruntsfield, and one in Stockbridge.

Broughton:

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday - Sunday 9 am to 6:30 pm

Contact Info: 07522321893

Address: 57 Broughton Street, Edinburgh EH1 3RJ, UK

Bruntsfield:

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday 9 am to 2 pm

Contact Info: 07858884771

Address: 138 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh EH10 4ER, UK

Stockbridge:

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 6 pm

Saturday to Sunday 9:30 am to 5 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 332 8834

Address: 100A Raeburn Place, Edinburgh EH4 1HH, UK

Price Range: £5 - £15

Best sellers: Coffee, soup, light meals, cakes, and pastries



Wellington Coffee

You can unwind in this coffee shop and relax because of the coziness it offers to customers and it's also a great place to just enjoy your coffee,talk with friends, and just a great place to just chill.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 6 pm

Saturday 8 am to 6 pm

Sunday 9 am to 6 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 225 6854

Address: 33A George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2HN, UK

Price Range: £2.50 - £10

Best sellers: Espressos, batch brew coffee, and scones



Lowdown Coffee

A contemporary coffee shop that offers a wide variety of coffee blends and baked goods. It's a coffee shop that has a minimalist decor or kind of feel to it and they showcase single origin espressos and filter coffee with craft and creativity. It's located on the lower ground floor of a multi-story Georgian town house.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday 10 am to 6 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 226 2132 Email: hello@lowdowncoffee.com

Address: 40 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LE, UK

Price Range: £2 - £7

Best sellers: Espresso, coffee, pastries, and cakes



The Coffee Mill Cafe

Started in 2008, the small family owned business The Coffee Mill Cafe is everything a cafe should be: simple, cozy, and offers a variety of glorious food and drinks. They use local Scottish products from local suppliers. The cafe serves warm hearted breakfast, lunch, and afternoon cakes with a smile. The cafe is highly rated by their customers for having a wonderful staff and a great quality of food and drinks.

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday 8 am to 6 pm

Thursday - Sunday 8 am to 10 pm

Contact Info: +44 7754 121624

Address: 54 - 55 West Port, Edinburgh EH1 2LD, UK

Price Range: £2.20 - £9.80

Best sellers: Full British breakfast, coffee, and fish and chips



Fortitude Coffee

"Fortitude" translates as courage, bravery, or resilience. The compact and style conscious coffee shop opened in March 2014, the coffee they offer is seasonal and lightly roasted to bring out the delicate and complex flavours in every cup and aside from their expertly made coffee, they also have a wide selection of teas by Anteaques, milk and dark hot chocolate, a light food menu, and cakes and bakes from a selection of Edinburgh's bakeries. Whether you're a local or tourist, make sure to visit the small and friendly speciality coffee bar Fortitude Coffee in Edinburgh's New Town.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday 11 am to 4 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 557 3063

Address: 3C York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EB, UK

Price Range: £8 - £11

Best sellers: Filter coffee, espresso, light meals, and cakes



Cult Espresso

A contemporary coffee shop featuring local roasters and typical brunch fare in a modern space. Opened around 2014, located on the South Side of the Old Town, near Edinburgh University, lies the genuine looking cafe which looks small on the outside but opens out into a deceptively large space with plenty of seating to enjoy specialty, single-origin coffee.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday 9 am to 5 pm

Address: 104 Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh EH8 9NG, UK

Price Range: £2 - £8

Best sellers: Single-origin coffee, and espresso



The Edinburgh Larder

Launched in 2009, The Edinburgh Larder which is located on Blackfriars Street, is a very relaxed deli and licensed cafe which specializes in a wide variety of Scottish produce. Delicious local food is what The Edinburgh Larder offers best and they have the reputation of being the go to place to eat hearty and locally

sourced food, which explains the high recommendation they receive from their customers and from List Food and Drink Guide.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday - Sunday 8:30 am to 4 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 556 6922

Email: info@edinburghlarder.co.uk

Address: 15 Blackfriars Street, Edinburgh EH1 1NB, UK

Price Range: £4.50 - £8

Best sellers: Full breakfast, homemade granola, soup, porridge, cake, and coffee



Papii Cafe

Papii Cafe has an unfussy venue and serves a menu of sweet and savoury breakfasts plus snack meals and coffee. The cafe offers a very relaxing vibe which you can just really feel like you're right at home and be served with the most lovely comfort foods plus the staff are super friendly and very accommodating to their customers. Even though the cafe is highly rated by their customers, they still remain humble plus their food speaks for itself! From artisan roast coffee to international flavours like spanakopita and patisserie goods, the cafe doesn't skimp on quality.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 466 2033

Email: papii.edinburgh@gmail.com

Address: 101 Hanover Street, Edinburgh EH2 1DJ, UK

Price Range: ₱256 - ₱511 / £1.60 - £6.75

Best sellers: Coffee, smoothies, waffles, scones, breakfast, eggs royale, and eggs

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Cafe Portrait

Cafe Portrait is set within the magnificent Scottish National Portrait Gallery, one of Edinburgh's most remarkable buildings and home to a collection of world class paintings and photography. The cafe specializes in homemade soups, sandwiches, and light bites, as well as serving a traditional afternoon tea. Cafe Portrait is a large and well loved cafe with stunningly palatial national gallery and the cafe also cooks everything from scratch, they specialize in using organic, seasonal, local, and fresh ingredients which means the menu changes daily. They are also the winner of the Certificate of Excellence from 2015 to 2019 awarded by tripadvisor. What's not to like about this place, you can enjoy your order while also looking at great national artworks.

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 624 6421

Email: yvonne@heritageportfolio.co.uk

Address: 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JD, UK

Price Range: ₱307 - ₱818 / £1.50 - £16.20

Best sellers: Homemade soup, sandwiches, salads, and baked scones



Caffe Centro

Caffe Centro is an informal family run restaurant that started in 2009, the place serves delicious Italian food which the locals can't seem to get enough of, the restaurant also welcomes customers to a warm and relaxing atmosphere. They have a fantastic reputation among locals because of their well known authentic Italian food with quaint and homely vibes.

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 9:30 am to 9 pm

Friday - Saturday 9:30 am to 10 pm

Contact Info: +44 131 225 3419

Email: contact@centroedinburgh.co.uk

Address: 38 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LE, UK

Price Range: £2.50 - £18.95

Best sellers: Bacon rolls, coffee, pescatora, Italian breakfast, Full Centro breakfast, and cannoli



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