

Practicalities

The Usher Hall, Lothian Road, EH1 2EA www.usherhall.co.uk [map](#), St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place EH12 5AW www.cathedral.net [map](#) (not to be confused with the Catholic St Mary's Cathedral) and St John's Scottish Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4BJ, www.stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk are within 10/15 mins walk of each other on the west side of the city in an area known as Haymarket.

Getting here

Edinburgh is very accessible by air, rail, bus and road. We would recommend you use public transport in Edinburgh, although the new tram system may not be ready so there may be some disruption to the inner City road system.

- The Haymarket train station is within a leisurely 10/15 minutes walk of these venues. The main Edinburgh Waverley station is further away to the east though there are frequent buses on the nearby Princes Street that will take you close to both venues (see next item).
- There are good bus systems on major roads for those wanting to stay further afield look up www.lothianbuses.com

Trains to Haymarket, Edinburgh

- Nearly all west coast and some northern trains stop here, but the east coast trains usually terminate at the Waverley station, one then can walk along Princess Street to the Haymarket area, or jump on a train or bus for 5 minutes.
- Booking 12 weeks in advance, on the day the tickets are released is the most effective way of getting the cheaper tickets. Check out this website to get advice on how to get good priced train tickets. www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-train-tickets . The Trainline 'ticket alert' sounds like a good idea to sign up for if you know when you want to travel up to Scotland. www.thetrainline.com/ticketalert

Flights to Edinburgh

- Flying is often cheaper than going by train (although not from the air pollution aspect). Ryanair, Flybe, Easy jet, BMI baby, BMI, Aer Lingus, Jet2.com, British Airways, and some charter airlines all fly to Edinburgh International airport. Here are some tips for getting the best value from flights. www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheap-flights Flying British Airways can be just as good value for money and less 'hassle factor' than budget airlines.
- Once you arrive at the airport. There is an AIRLINK bus (www.flybybus.com) right outside the terminal to take you into central Edinburgh. It costs £6 return, takes 30 minutes to the Waverly station and goes every 10 minutes, with stops along the way including at Haymarket station.

Coaches to Edinburgh

Good value tickets especially for over 60's. Bus station is behind St.Andrew's square, near the Waverly station. Not easy to see the entrance. Start walking at the Tourist Information Centre (beside Waverly Station) on Princes Street. Cross the street and walk along the right side of St. Andrew's Square for about 5 minutes. As soon as you pass

Harvey Nichols you should see the entrance to the bus station. Edinburgh Bus Station, St Andrew's Square, EH2 2AD
Tel:+44 (131) 5556363 [Entrance to Bus and Coach station and walk down to Waverly station](#)

Parking

Large car parks close by BUT they fill up quickly and none are free:-

- Castle Terrace:- 750 spaces, 6 disabled bays, but NO lifts (6 hours £13, £25 a day)
- Morrison Street Goods yard:- 415 spaces, 0 disabled bays, all on one level (£9.50 a day)
- Scottish Widows/ Britannia:- 198 places, 0 disabled bays. (6 hours £7, £10 a day, £2 overnight)

Park & Rides: There are 6 of these. Parking is free (or 50p overnight at one). You can leave a car overnight at four of them, not Ingleston or Straiton. www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory/2/park_and_rides

Visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/1265/parking_and_car_parks for all parking details in Edinburgh. We would recommend you do not bring your car to the city centre as it is pricey to park for long. Beware not many hotels or B & B's provide free parking. If you want/need to bring your car to the Cathedral, there is off street parking after 6.30pm for free in the local streets. You will be sent details of disabled access to the Cathedral and the Usher hall in the New Year. There is no disabled car parking space at the Cathedral nor at the Usher hall but one can drop off. Disabled Badge holders will be able to park on single yellow lines in Palmerston Place near the Cathedral.

Accommodation

The Usher Hall is on Lothian Road, near the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC). Visit these websites for details www.visitscotland.com and www.edinburgh.org. We recommend you book soon to get reasonably priced accommodation.

In the Haymarket area

- Premier Inn at 1, Morrison Link, Haymarket EH3 8DN 0871 527 8368*
- Premier Inn at 82, Lauriston Place EH3 9DG 0871 527 8366*
Premier Inn Customer Contact Centre: 0871 527 8000* (+44 1582 567890 from outside the UK) Lines are open: 8am to 8pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 8pm Sundays www.premierinn.com/en
- Travelodge Edinburgh Haymarket, 24 Eglinton Crescent, EH12 5BY 0871 984 6365*
- Travelodge, 25, Shandwick Place, Haymarket EH2 4RG 0871 984 8484 www.travelodge.co.uk
- St.Valery Guest House, 36 Coates Gardens EH12 5LE 0131 337 1893 www.stvalery.com
- Beresford Hotel, 32 Coates Gardens EH12 5LE 131 337 0850 www.beresford-edinburgh.com
- Emmaus, Christian Community Guest House, 14 Gilmore Place, EH3 9NQ 0131 228 1066
www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk/emmaus.php

Good value further away - Edinburgh University accommodation +44 (0)131 651 2007

<http://www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/for-accommodation> ((Primary location is Pollock Halls in the east of Edinburgh approximately 2 miles from the Usher Hall - 10mins of walking plus a bus ride or a long walk)

This is not a recommendation of any of the above establishments. Check out www.tripadvisor.co.uk for this.

Left Luggage Facility

Regrettably there is NO facility for Left Luggage at the Usher Hall. There is a cloakroom.

We are investigating the possibility of providing facilities locally, but in the meantime you should assume you need to make your own arrangements.

