

Connect Here Guide to Art Galleries in Edinburgh



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City Art Centre

2 Market Street
Edinburgh, EH1 1DE

T: 0131 529 3993

Opening Hours: Monday-Sunday 10.00am-5.00pm

E: museumsandgalleries@edinburgh.gov.uk

W: <https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venue/city-art-centre>

Summary: Championing historic and contemporary Scottish visual and applied arts, The City Art Centre is both home to the city's collection of Scottish art, and one of the UK's leading temporary exhibition spaces.

Located in the centre of the city, and beside Waverley Train Station, visitors can enjoy a richly diverse programme of changing exhibitions, which include historic and modern Scottish paintings & photography, as well as contemporary arts and crafts.

Top tip: make sure you make it up to the higher level floors to get some fantastic views of the New Town.

An escalator and lift provide easy access to all six floors. Assistance dogs are welcome and wheelchairs are available. Admission is free (charges may apply to special exhibitions)

Art Gallery

Collective Gallery

City Observatory
38 Calton Hill
Edinburgh, EH7 5AA

T: 0131 556 1264

Opening Hours: Tuesday–Sunday 10.00am—5.00pm

E: mail@collective-edinburgh.art

W: <https://www.collective-edinburgh.art/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/collectiveedinburgh/>

Tw: https://twitter.com/collective_edin

Inst: https://www.instagram.com/collective_edin/

Summary: Collective's mission is to bring people together around new art.

Established in 1984, Collective has long supported new work by artists who are at a pivotal stage in their development. In November 2018, they opened their new home on Calton Hill, featuring the restored City Observatory, City Dome, and purpose-built exhibition space.

Their programme of exhibitions, walks, and events presents contemporary art in all its diversity, providing artists with the opportunity to make new work, and audiences the chance to see it here first.

When here, be sure to take time to take in the stunning views from Calton Hill, as well as the collection of historic monuments, including the National Monument which was inspired by the Parthenon in Athens.

Dovecot Studios

10 Infirmary Street
Edinburgh, EH1 1LT

Opening Hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm

W: <https://dovecotstudios.com/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/DovecotStudios/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/dovecotstudios/>

Summary: A world-renowned tapestry studio, Dovecot Studios is a landmark centre for contemporary art, craft design and textiles, and the only operating tapestry studio in Scotland.

Throughout the year you'll find an exciting programme of events hosted here, from embroidery and tapestry workshops to exhibition tours and talks. Admission is free (charges may apply to special exhibitions)

Art Gallery

The Fruitmarket Gallery

45 Market Street
Edinburgh, EH1 1DF

T: 0131 225 2383

Opening Hours: Monday-Sunday 11.00am-6.00pm

W: <https://www.fruitmarket.co.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/fruitmarketgallery/>

Summary: Originally built as a fruit and vegetable market in 1938, The Fruitmarket Gallery has been operating as a space for presenting art since 1974.

A mix of art gallery, bookshop and a café, the gallery now aims to promote both established and leading artists, as well as seek out new and emerging talents. Since 2003 the gallery has presented solo exhibitions of work by internationally significant artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Janet Cardiff, Roman Signer and Fred Tomaselli. They have also created high profile opportunities for developing Scottish artists, including Nathan Coley, Louise Hopkins, Toby Paterson and Tony Swain, ensuring an international platform for home grown talent.

Conveniently located next to Waverley Train Station, be sure to make time to explore their changing exhibitions.

National Galleries of Scotland

73 Belford Road
Edinburgh EH4 3DS

T: 0131 624 6200

Opening Hours: <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/visit>

E: enquiries@nationalgalleries.org

W: <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/nationalgalleries/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/NatGalleriesSco>

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/natgalleriessco/>

YT: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF-KoSFVuL4Xj9ujfq_yCXA

Summary: Explore the online collection of artworks dating from the early Renaissance to the present day. Browse over a thousand highlighted artists from the collection in our artist A-Z. All Gallery buildings are now open.

Which of the National Galleries will you go to?

[National](#)

Open daily, 10.00am-5.00pm

Home to one of the greatest art collections in the world.

[Modern One](#)

Open daily, 10.00am-5.00pm

An outstanding collection of modern and contemporary art.

[Modern Two](#)

Open daily, 10.00am-5.00pm

Home to Paolozzi's Studio and incredible highlights of modern art.

[Portrait](#)

Open daily, 10.00am-5.00pm

Come face to face with the people who shape Scotland's past, present and future.

The Talbot Rice Gallery

Old College
South Bridge
Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

Opening Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10.00am-5.00pm

W: <https://www.trg.ed.ac.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/talbotricegallery>

Summary: The public art gallery of the University of Edinburgh, The Talbot Rice Gallery is situated in the heart of the University's historic Old College and is one of Scotland's leading contemporary art galleries.

Comprising three distinct exhibition spaces, including the contemporary white cube and the neoclassical Georgian space, the building began life as the home of the university's Museum of Natural History. Today, it is dedicated to exploring how the University can contribute to contemporary art production now, and into the future.

As well as featuring a range of solo exhibitions, the gallery also works closely with students of Edinburgh College of Art throughout the year. Their Outreach and Widening Participation programme also aims to bring a love and appreciation of art to many different community groups.

Dementia: Art Gallery

Art in the City

City of Edinburgh
Edinburgh

T: 0131 529 6365

E: Diana.Morton@edinburgh.gov.uk

W: <https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/art-city-0>

Summary: Every second Tuesday of the month, online meetings are held at 10.30am via Microsoft Teams as well as providing an opportunity for people whose lives are affected by dementia and their friends, families and carers to share a gallery visit and discuss art (and other things) in a friendly and supportive environment.

If you are interested in attending, please get in touch using the contacts above