



Mercat Tours provides the highest award-winning walking tours in Scotland, promising to 'give history a damn good telling' sharing tales of Edinburgh's past, and its people. We specialise in history and ghost tours around Edinburgh's Old Town, featuring premium heritage attractions: Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the National Museum of Scotland and the Blair Street Underground Vaults. We delight in giving unique, memorable experiences - sharing a warm welcome and our remarkable history.

Mercat Tours promotes a low-impact tourist experience through our walking tours, however we recognise that other aspects of our business have a greater environmental impact. By conducting our business in a responsible, considerate and sustainable manner, we aim to:

- ✓ Reduce our negative impact on the environment
- ✓ Actively work towards improving our environment
- ✓ Promote environmental awareness amongst all our staff and customers for the mutual benefit of all

We're committed to achieving these goals by:

- ✓ Fully complying with all relevant legislation
- ✓ **Reducing** the resources we use and subsequent waste produced, **reusing** materials where possible and **recycling** most remaining waste
- ✓ Ensuring that resources including energy and water are used efficiently
- ✓ Closely monitoring use of the resources in order to set achievable, realistic targets to reduce them
- ✓ Strive to minimise, and where possible prevent, pollution to water, air and land
- ✓ Continuously monitor all activities and update our environmental policy annually
- ✓ Provide ongoing and up-to-date training for our team
- ✓ Sustainably source materials where possible, by screening suppliers for best environmental and socially responsible practices. In particular, supporting cottage industries and family businesses.
- ✓ Encouraging sustainable practices amongst our team, corporate partners and visitors in order to achieve our environmental objectives

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