



Mercat Tours

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Mercat Tours is Edinburgh's original five-star history and ghost tour company. Established over 33 years ago, the company's accredited guides bring Edinburgh's stories to life every day.

The company was first established in 1985 by history teacher, Des Brogan, and three other history teachers, when they identified there were no other existing walking tours of Edinburgh. They researched and created four walking tours, with two of them (Secrets of the Royal Mile and Evening of Ghosts & Ghouls) still running today.

Today, Mercat Tours is run by Des' daughter, Kat Brogan, and now offers a wide range of tours to suit any budget, group size and interest.

Mercat Tours is the only Edinburgh tours company with access to **The Blair Street Underground Vaults**, which were filled with rubble in the early 19th century and were only rediscovered in the 1980s. Since then they've become known as one of Edinburgh's most famous haunted sites and offer a fascinating insight into Edinburgh's underground life.

Groups are limited to an absolute maximum of 30 people, with tours running every day and in all weather. With each tour leaving from the Mercat Cross on the Royal Mile in the heart of the city, visitors will find the city's shops and restaurants within easy reach. Tours vary in length from 45 minutes to two hours, with specially tailored tours available for groups.

HISTORY TOURS AVAILABLE

- [Secrets of the Royal Mile](#) (also available in [German](#))
- [Whisky Tasting & Tour](#) – New for 2018
- [Treasures of the Old Town](#)
- [Historic Underground](#)
- [Mile to the Museum](#) - New for 2018
- [Edinburgh Outlander Experience](#)

GHOST TOURS AVAILABLE

- [Evening of Ghosts & Ghouls](#)
- [Doomed, Dead and Buried](#)
- [Ghostly Underground](#)



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- [Gory Stories: The Kids' Tour](#)
- [Sotteranei Spettrali \(Italian\) - NEW for 2018](#)
- [Hidden & Haunted](#)

PRIVATE TOURS

- [National Museum of Scotland Tours](#)
- [Tour & Tasting](#)
- [Sketching by the Royal Mile](#)
- [Enlightenment Edinburgh](#)
- [Hidden and Hunted Treasure Hunt](#)
- [Tale o'Twa Touns](#)
- [Hidden Georgian Gems](#)
- [Sin in the City](#)
- [Ghostbusting Birthdays](#)
- [Gallows to Graveyard](#)

LOCATION

All tours leave from the [Mercat Cross](#) on the Royal Mile – next to St Giles Cathedral.

The company's main offices can be found just off the Royal Mile on [Blair Street](#):

28 Blair Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QR

ACCESSIBILITY

More information on the accessibility on Mercat Tours can be found in its [Access Statement](#).

French, German, Italian and Spanish tours are also available for a limited number of tours. Written translations are also available in Italian, Russian and Mandarin.

AWARDS

- VisitScotland Five Star rating – first achieved in 2007 and maintained ever since
- The Green Tourism Business Scheme – awarded gold every year since 2012 for the company's commitment to the environment and economic sustainability.
- Scottish Business in the Community – named SME of the Year in 2014 for the company's commitment to improving Scots' lives.
- Scottish Thistle Award 2016 – recognised for Skills and Training Development, as a third of Mercat Tours team members have been with the company for over 10 years.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

A range of images of Mercat Tours can be found in this [Dropbox](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Mercat Tours can be found on the following platforms:

www.facebook.com/MercatTours/

www.twitter.com/mercattoursltd

www.instagram.com/mercattours/

www.youtube.com/user/MercatToursLtd

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