



Mercat Tours

History is a damn good story,
what it needs is a damn good telling



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ABOUT US

Mercat Tours is Edinburgh's original five-star history and ghost tour company. Established over 40 years ago, our Master Storytellers bring Edinburgh's stories to life every day.

The company was first **established in 1985** by history teacher, Des Brogan, when he identified there were no other existing walking tours of Edinburgh. Two of the original tour (Secrets of the Royal Mile and Ghosts & Ghouls) still run 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 tour company with access to **The Blair Street Underground Vaults** (pictured), 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 a maximum of 18 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.



Kat Brogan, Managing Director, 2026



CURRENT TOURS

History Tours

- [Historic Vaults](#)
- [Secrets of Edinburgh's Royal Mile incl. Edinburgh Castle](#)
- [Witches: Trial & Truth](#)

Ghost Tours

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

Private Tours

- [National Museum of Scotland tours](#)
- [Scottish Storytelling Supper](#)
- [Enlightenment Edinburgh](#)
- [Talking Statues](#)
- [Edinburgh Outlander Experience](#)
- [Sin in the City](#)
- [Whisky Tour & Tasting](#)

AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS

Read more on our [Accreditations](#) and [Awards](#) pages.



LOCATION & ACCESSIBILITY

All tours begin at the Mercat Cross on the Royal Mile, next to St Giles Cathedral, EH1 1RF.

Our main reception can be found just off the Royal Mile on Blair Street:

Mercat House
28 Blair Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1QR

All our tours are delivered in English.

More information on the accessibility of Mercat Tours can be found on our [Accessibility Page](#).



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