



# 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 35 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 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.

## Current tours

### History tours

- Historic Underground
- Secrets of the Royal Mile
- Treasures of the Old Town
- Edinburgh Outlander Experience
- Tour & Whisky Tasting

### Ghost tours

- Ghostly Underground
- Hidden & Haunted
- Evening of Ghosts & Ghouls
- Doomed, Dead & Buried

### Private tours

All of the above, plus:

- Gallows to Graveyard
- National Museum of Scotland tours
- Enlightenment Edinburgh
- Sin in the City
- Ghostbusting birthdays

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 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.





## Location & accessibility

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:

Mercat House  
28 Blair Street  
Edinburgh  
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More information on the accessibility on Mercat Tours can be found in our [Access Statement](#). French and German tours also available for a limited number of tours. Written translations are also available in French, German, Spanish, Italian and Russian.

## 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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*See you soon,  
Kat  
and the  
Mercat Team*

