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Traditional Kilts, Royal Mile



Did you know?

Edinburgh has more leisure facilities and services per head of population than any other regional city in Scotland, England or Wales.

Statistics compiled by Touchlocal.com 2006

The Royal Mile, as well as offering plenty of tourist attractions, offers plenty of shops selling traditional Scottish items – so if you are looking for an authentic tartan kilt, or perhaps a box of the finest shortbread this is the place to start.

When it comes to independent boutiques and unique purchases for the person that has everything then the West End is the perfect place to indulge yourself. Leith by comparison offers a completely different waterside shopping experience with some of the best seafood restaurants in the city.

Cameron Toll Shopping Centre Tel. 0131 666 2777

Just one and a half miles south of the city centre, the Cameron Toll Shopping Centre offers 45 shops including men and women's fashions, gifts, hairdressing and beauty stores. Sainsbury's is also on site. www.camerontoll.co.uk

Farmers' Market

Edinburgh has an award-winning Farmers' Market every Saturday from 9am-2pm on Castle Terrace. Over 60 specialist producers sell products from organic beef to free-range eggs. Parking is available in Earl Grey Street car park and the multi-storey on Castle Terrace. www.scottishfarmersmarkets.co.uk

Fort Kinnaird

Tel. 0131 669 9090

The UK's largest retail and leisure park sits just outside the city centre with easy access to the A1, over 2,000 free parking spaces and excellent public transport links. Big name stores include PC World, Toys R Us, Carphone Warehouse, HMV and many more. Leisure facilities include a 26-lane Megabowl and a number of restaurants. Open seven days a week. www.fortkinnaird.co.uk

The Gyle Shopping Centre

Tel. 0131 539 9000

On the western side of Edinburgh just minutes from the M8 and M9, the Gyle offers over 60 leading high street stores, a wide range of top eateries and food retailers. The Gyle is a home to the capital's flagship Next, Scotland's first stand-alone Monsoon Kids and one of Britain's largest Marks & Spencer. www.gyleshopping.co.uk

The Grassmarket

Nestled in the heart of Edinburgh's historic Old Town, the Grassmarket area is one of the most vibrant, picturesque and convivial areas of the city. A paradise of independent merchants, designers and artisans, the Grassmarket is also home to some of the city's finest restaurants and bars. www.grassmarket.net

Leith and Ocean Terminal, Edinburgh's waterfront

Built up by the success of its docks, Leith has transformed over the last decade into a modern, contemporary waterfront destination attracting visitors year-round. Leith is described as 'a city quarter by the sea' and can offer visitors plenty of shopping from the modern Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre to more unique boutique-style shops. The Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre has over 70 shops plus bars and restaurants and offers visitors 1,600 free car parking spaces. The shopping centre is right on the waterfront offering dramatic views across to Fife. The streets of Leith offer cafés and bars dotted in between shops so you never have to walk far with those shopping bags. Only ten minutes from Edinburgh's city centre, Leith is of course also home to The Roval Yacht Britannia. www.oceanterminal.com