

# National Museum of Scotland Edinburgh



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## A perfect place to start a visit to Scotland

The five star National Museum of Scotland is the most popular attraction in the UK outside London. It offers free general admission, as well as special exhibitions, shops, cafes and restaurants. The museum is just off Edinburgh's famous Royal Mile, 10 minutes from the castle and a stop on most hop on hop off bus tours.

Trace the fascinating story of Scotland, explore a world of treasured collections and life-changing innovations, or just stop by for tea to enjoy the museum's magnificent Victorian architecture with its famous Grand Gallery and Window on the World, a spectacular four storey

high display. Walk through the Grand Gallery and you'll find the extraordinary Millennium Clock, which comes to life every hour with whirling figures, stirring music and dancing lights. And take a moment to enjoy the unique city views from the seventh floor Roof Terrace.



The Lewis Chess Pieces are Scotland's most significant archaeological discovery



Stunning view of Edinburgh from our roof terrace

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# Tours at the National Museum of Scotland with Mercat Tours



Mercat Tours

## Mile to the Museum

### Set departure walk and museum tour for FITs and groups

Discover the story of Scotland through its capital city and National Museum. See the places where history happened in the Old Town, then pick up the story in the museum where your guide will explore Scotland's enthralling history through the iconic objects of Scotland's National Collection. Complete the visit at the Museum Café with tea and a scone.

**Price £25pp/Travel Trade net rate available (Max 20 per group).**

**Sat & Sun, twice daily  
10:00 and 14:00**

## Group Tours

### For private and bespoke requests

Mercat guides will trace the story of the objects which have shaped Scotland's past, present and future offering five different themes to suit all itineraries and client interests.

#### Tour Options:

**T1 – A history of Scotland in 10 Objects**

**T2 – What makes a Scot?**

**T3 – Scotland's Dark History**

**T4 – Exploding the Myths**

**T5 – Symbols of Scotland**

**Price £14 pp net rate (Max 20 per group).**

## Special experiences

Respond to your clients' requests for something extra special with exclusive access to private rooms, preopening and after hours visits and tailored catering options.

## Bookings

Mile to the Museum and group tours are bookable and contracted via Mercat Tours.

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Mary, Queen of Scots

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Museum maps are available in English, Chinese, French, Gaelic, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Russian and Spanish.



## Meals at the museum

Book your groups in for coffee, lunch or afternoon tea at the museum's cafés and restaurants. Group menus are available for the Brasserie and Tower Restaurant. For set menus at the Museum Brasserie contact

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## Coach parties

Coaches can drop groups off outside the museum. Metered parking for coaches is available nearby on Johnston Terrace, the same as for Edinburgh Castle.

*"One of the best attractions in Edinburgh"* TripAdvisor

*"...a must-see for first-time visitors to Scotland"* Fodor's

# Discover Scotland's treasures in one spectacular museum

Our precious iconic objects reveal the story of Scotland from pre-history to the present day.

## ► Dolly the Sheep

As the first cloned mammal ever to be created from an adult cell, her birth created great excitement among both scientists and the public around the world. Dolly is on display in the Science & Technology galleries.



## ► Vivienne Westwood Suit

High fashion, Scottish style: men's double breasted jacket in Bruce of Kinnaird tartan, by internationally renowned British designer Vivienne Westwood. On display in our Fashion & Style gallery.



## ◀ Arthur's Seat coffins

Great mystery surrounds these miniature coffins. No one really knows what they were for. They have generated many theories and also featured in crime writer Ian Rankin's Inspector Rebus novels. Discover more about their secret at the museum.

## ◀ Bonnie Prince Charlie's travelling canteen

This elaborate silver travelling canteen is an exquisite Jacobite relic perfect for *Outlander* fans! To be found on level 3 in the Scotland Galleries.



## ▼ Iron Age torcs

These four Iron age gold necklaces were part of a hoard found at Blair Drummond, Perthshire by an amateur treasure hunter in 2009. These torcs are a discovery of European significance, and show the wealth, power and connections of people during the Iron Age (c. 300–100 BC).



## ▲ Mary, Queen of Scots' jewellery

This gold necklace, locket and pendant date from the late 16th century and are said to have belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots, arguably the most famous and controversial character in Scottish history. A must see for movie fans with *Mary Queen of Scots* blockbuster out this year.

# National Museum of Scotland Highlights 2019

## New Ancient Egypt and East Asia Galleries **NOW OPEN**



*Ancient Egyptian coffin with a gilded face*

The National Museum of Scotland celebrated an important milestone in its 150-year history this spring. The 15 year, £80 million project to transform the museum is complete with the magnificent Victorian building restored and more of our world class collections on display.

The final stage saw the opening two new permanent galleries devoted to ancient Egypt and East Asia – an fascinating experience for visitors showcasing collection highlights from these rich and diverse cultures.



*Right: Suit of ceremonial samurai armour*

## Wild and Majestic: Romantic Visions of Scotland

**26 June – 10 November 2019 Major Exhibition**

Dramatic highland landscapes, heroic histories, tartan and bagpipes are among the defining images of Scotland for many people around the world today.

From the Romantic movement of the 18th and early 19th centuries to Queen Victoria's highland idyll at Balmoral, *Wild and Majestic* considers the origins of these ideas and explores how they were used to represent Scotland around the world, expressed through highland and military dress, royal visits, art, literature and the beginnings of the Scottish tourism industry.

Featuring rich displays and iconic objects, this landmark exhibition charts Scotland's journey into the global imagination and invites visitors to think again about the meaning and relevance of ideas that continues to define Scotland today.

Bespoke VIP tours of this exhibition by our expert museum curators are available to small groups. Please email [info@nms.ac.uk](mailto:info@nms.ac.uk) to find out more.



*Kilt of red Royal Stewart tartan, part of a man's kilt outfit. British, c. 1903*

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