

Calendar of Events



December - January

Edinburgh's Hogmanay

A four-day festival that sees the New Year arrive in flamboyant Scottish style. Festivities include the Torchlight Procession, Royal Bank Street Party, the Concert in the Gardens and the New Year Revels and much more.

www.edinburghshogmanay.org

January 25

Burns Night

Burns Suppers have been held in honour of Scotland's most famous poet for approximately 200 years. A traditional dinner including haggis, neeps and tatties is shared across the country and around the UK in homes, pubs and bars.

March - April

Ceilidh Culture

Edinburgh's annual showcase of traditional arts including performances from the best of Scotland's home-grown talent alongside international artists.

www.ceilidhculture.co.uk

Easter Holidays

Edinburgh Spring Festival

A three-day festival including Britain's largest Easter event - ideal for family fun, the majority of events are also free of charge.

www.edinburgheaster.co.uk

April

Edinburgh International Science Festival

Meet real life scientists and explore everything from the Milky Way to cyberspace, engineering to human health

www.sciencefestival.co.uk

End of May

Bank of Scotland Children's International Theatre Festival

The UK's largest festival for children and young people was described by The Herald as a "treasure trove of imaginative surprises." Children as young as six months can enjoy the performances and many of the acts are also on tour.

www.imaginate.org.uk

May - July

CowParade

The world's largest public art event. Each cow is an original work of art, designed by artists of all ages and sponsored by businesses in Edinburgh and Scotland. Those selected go on to be auctioned for charity.

www.cowparade-edinburgh.co.uk

July - August

Starbucks Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival

A celebration of the finest jazz and blues over 10 days including the UK's biggest jazz event - Jazz on a Summer's Day.

www.edinburghjazzfestival.co.uk

July - September

Edinburgh Art Festival

The festival showcases some of the best international and Scottish visual arts, from blockbuster exhibitions to grassroots, artist-led projects and takes place right in the heart of festival season.

www.edinburghartfestival.org

Early August

Edinburgh Festivals Cavalcade

Over 150,000 spectators line the streets through Edinburgh to welcome the Festival's entertainers.

www.edinburghcavalcade.com

August

Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Nothing can compare with the sights and sounds of the UK's largest gathering of military musicians. Set against the historic backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, the Tattoo is also enjoyed by an international TV audience of 100 million people.

www.edintattoo.co.uk

August

Festival of Spirituality and Peace

In 1947, after the devastation of the war, the Edinburgh International Festival was conceived to 'provide a platform for the flowering of the human spirit'. This Festival seeks to reawaken the heart of the festival for people who, after 9/11, want to work together for a peaceful future.

www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk

