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3-Night Edinburgh Bar Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Bars in Edinburgh**. Print it or save it to your phone.



Night 1: Queen Street cocktail trail

Start early with a drink at Bramble, before it fills up, then walk a few minutes to Lucky Liquor Co for a second round. Finish at Panda & Sons on a booked table. Everything is within a short walk of each other, so you can pace yourself with water and food in between.

Night 2: Old Town character

Begin with a whisky at The Devil's Advocate, then walk to Under the Stairs on Merchant Street. Finish at Sandy Bell's on Forrest Road for folk music. The whole route is on foot and mostly downhill from the Royal Mile, but allow time for the steps.

Night 3: Wine, music and a pint

Start with wine at The Bon Vivant on Thistle Street, then walk to The Voodoo Rooms for a cocktail and maybe a gig. If you prefer a quieter night, swap this for The Cumberland Bar and its garden, or The Hanging Bat before a show on Lothian Road.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Panda & Sons

How to get there: Walk along Queen Street in the New Town, about ten minutes on foot from Waverley station or the St Andrew Square tram stop.
How long to spend: About one and a half to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, or book a weekend slot well in advance.
Tip: Look for the barbershop front, then ask staff where the entrance to the bar is. Check the official website for booking rules before you go.
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2. Bramble

How to get there: On Queen Street in the New Town, about ten minutes on foot from Waverley station.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, before the crowds arrive.
Tip: Walk-ins only, so arrive early and keep a backup bar in mind. Check before you go in case the policy has changed.
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3. Lucky Liquor Co

How to get there: On Queen Street in the New Town, a short walk from St Andrew Square and Waverley station.
How long to spend: One to one and a half hours.
Best time to go: Weeknight evenings, when seating is easier.
Tip: Use it as your second stop on a Queen Street bar crawl. Check before you go for current booking rules.
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4. The Devil's Advocate

How to get there: Off the Royal Mile via Advocate's Close, a short walk from Waverley station.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, or on a weekday for a quieter room.
Tip: Take care on the steep steps and ask staff for a whisky matched to your taste.
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5. Under the Stairs

How to get there: On Merchant Street, a few minutes on foot from the Grassmarket and Greyfriars Kirk.
How long to spend: About one hour.
Best time to go: Early evening or a weekday.
Tip: Check current opening details online before you go, as they may change.
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6. The Voodoo Rooms

How to get there: On West Register Street, a couple of minutes from St Andrew Square and Waverley station.
How long to spend: One to three hours, longer if you stay for live music.
Best time to go: Early evening for the bar, or check the events page for gig nights.
Tip: Check the programme online before you go, as ticketing and entry rules vary by event.
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7. The Bon Vivant

How to get there: On Thistle Street in the New Town, a short walk from St Andrew Square and Princes Street.
How long to spend: One and a half to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, with a booking at weekends.
Tip: Ask staff for wine suggestions by style, and check the current menu before you go.
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8. The Cumberland Bar

How to get there: On Cumberland Street in the New Town, about fifteen minutes on foot from Princes Street, or a short bus ride.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening in summer, to get a garden seat.
Tip: Check before you go that the garden is open, as it depends on weather and season.
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9. Sandy Bell's

How to get there: On Forrest Road, a few minutes on foot from Greyfriars Kirk and the National Museum of Scotland.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Evenings, especially when a session is advertised.
Tip: Be quiet during the tunes and keep phones away. Check the schedule before you go.
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10. The Hanging Bat

How to get there: On Lothian Road, a short walk from the West End and the Usher Hall, or a tram or bus to the West End.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, before a show nearby.
Tip: Ask for a taster before committing. Check before you go for the current beer garden arrangements.
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Getting Around Edinburgh at Night

Most of the bars in this guide are within **walking distance of each other**, and the city centre is compact. Expect some steep streets and steps in the Old Town. Edinburgh's trams run between the airport and the city centre, and Lothian Buses serve the main routes, but late evening frequencies change, so check operator timetables on the official sites. Licensed taxis and ride-hailing are available for later journeys. Wear sensible shoes, as cobbles and wet stone can be slippery. If you are staying longer, our guide to the best day trips from Edinburgh shows where to go while you recover from a late night.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-bars-in-edinburgh/.