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A 3-Day Edinburgh Coffee Itinerary

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



Day 1: New Town and Broughton Street

Start with a coffee at Artisan Roast on Broughton Street, then walk to Cairngorm Coffee or Lowdown in the New Town. Have brunch or lunch at Urban Angel on Hanover Street, then spend the afternoon on Princes Street Gardens and the galleries.

Day 2: Old Town and the Southside

Begin at Origin Coffee on South College Street, then visit the National Museum of Scotland. Stop at The Elephant House on George IV Bridge, and finish with a coffee at Cult Espresso on Buccleuch Street.

Day 3: Stockbridge and Marchmont

Spend the morning at Fortitude in Stockbridge, then explore Dean Village and the Water of Leith. Pick up a pastry at Söderberg, then head south to Machina Espresso in Marchmont and walk across the Meadows.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Artisan Roast

How to get there: Walk from Princes Street or Waverley station, about 15 minutes, or take a Lothian bus to the top of Broughton Street.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes.
Best time to go: Mid morning on a weekday, when it is calmer.
Tip: Ask what is on filter that day, and check the group's website for the current list of cafes.
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2. Fortitude Coffee

How to get there: Walk from the New Town in about 20 minutes, or take a Lothian bus to Stockbridge.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, before the weekend crowds arrive.
Tip: Check which of the group's cafes is closest to you, as seating varies between shops.
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3. Cairngorm Coffee

How to get there: Walk from Princes Street or the West End, about 10 minutes from the main shopping streets.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes.
Best time to go: Early morning or mid afternoon.
Tip: Ask for a recommendation on beans, and check each site's current opening days, as they vary.
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4. Origin Coffee

How to get there: Walk from the Royal Mile or the Grassmarket in about 10 minutes, or from Waverley station in 15.
How long to spend: 45 minutes to an hour.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, for the quietest tables.
Tip: Try a filter coffee to see what the beans really taste like, and ask the staff what is new.
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5. Machina Espresso

How to get there: Walk across the Meadows from the Old Town, or take a Lothian bus along Nicolson Street.
How long to spend: 30 minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday mornings.
Tip: Choose the shop that is closest to your route, and check current opening hours on the official channels.
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6. Cult Espresso

How to get there: Walk from the Old Town, about 15 minutes, or take a Lothian bus along South Bridge.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes.
Best time to go: Mid morning, after the early rush.
Tip: Ask what single-origin beans are on, and check the opening days before you go.
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7. The Elephant House

How to get there: On George IV Bridge, a short walk from the Royal Mile and the National Museum of Scotland.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Early in the day, before the queues build.
Tip: Check the official website for current opening hours and any booking arrangements.
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8. Urban Angel

How to get there: On Hanover Street, about 5 minutes on foot from Princes Street.
How long to spend: About an hour for brunch.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, or book ahead for the weekend.
Tip: Check the opening hours online, as sources differ, and book at busy times.
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9. Söderberg

How to get there: Branches include Stockbridge, Broughton Street and Quartermile near the Meadows, all on bus routes from the centre.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes.
Best time to go: Mid morning, when the pastries are fresh.
Tip: Check which branch is nearest and what it serves, as menus differ.
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10. Lowdown

How to get there: On George Street in the New Town, a few minutes from Princes Street.
How long to spend: 30 minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday mornings.
Tip: Try something from the bakery counter, and check opening times on the official channels.
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Getting Around Edinburgh

The Old Town, New Town and Stockbridge are walkable, but the city is hilly, so wear comfortable shoes. Lothian buses connect the main areas, and the tram runs between the airport and the city centre. Check timetables on the official Edinburgh Trams site and the Lothian Buses site before you travel.

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-cafes-in-edinburgh/.