

QUEENSFERRY (FOR EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND

Tender to this picturesque town for a charming day in the shadows of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Forth Bridge, or take an easy connection to Edinburgh to explore Scotland's historic and vibrant capital: home of the largest comedy festival in the world, the Edinburgh Fringe

KEY INFO

Currency: Pound Sterling (1 USD = 0.8 GBP)

Population: 10,400 (5.45 million Scotland)

Emergency #: 999


Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable

Time Zone: GMT (winter), GMT+1 (summer)

ID Requirements: Passport

Languages: English

Drive on the: Left

Pharmacy: Queensferry Pharmacy, 33 The Loan, EH30 9SD 

Protection: Standard health precautions

Wi-Fi: South Queensferry Library

Post Office: 55 The Loan, EH30 9SD 

PORT LOCATION

Cruise ships anchor in front of the icon Forth Bridge and tender 1 nautical mile to Maid of the Forth port

Getting Around: The walk from the tender pier to Queensferry town centre is about 10-minutes. To reach Edinburgh (9.3 miles from port), several options are available including the dedicated [Cruiselink X99 bus](#) (£12 day ticket | 30-min drive, departs every 20-min | drop off/pick up on George St (outside Hard Rock Café)), the train (Dalmeny to Waverley | 20-min | £2.90 one-way), or private taxi (approx. £30 one-way).


 [Click here for a local map](#) or the [Edinburgh Tourist Brochure](#)

Taxis: Taxis are available 

Tourist Bus: There is a [Sightseeing Bus](#) (£18 | 12 stops | 60-min loop | every 12 mins | join at any stop | [map](#))

Tourist Information: Tourist Information reps are at the pier and sometimes board ships at anchor

Port Facilities: Taxis, Public Transport, Shops/Café, Tourist Information (reps sometimes board ship)

Port Address: Hawes Pier, South Queensferry, EH30 9TB 

QUEENSFERRY HIGHLIGHTS

Queensferry Museum: Offers insights into the history and traditions of Queensferry and Dalmeny with views of the Forth Bridge.



10a-5p (Mon-Sat), 1p-5p (Sun) | Free | 0.4 miles from port (8-min walk) |  | 

Jubilee Clock Tower: Historic clock tower that stands as a testament to Queensferry's heritage.





9a-5p (Mon-Fri) | £ Unknown | 0.5 miles from port (11-min walk) |  | 

Deep Sea World: On the other side of the Forth of Firth in North Queensferry, this aquarium boasts the longest underwater tunnel in Europe (112m) with great viewing opportunities.

10a-5p | £18 | 3.3 miles from port (16-min drive) |  | 

The Forth Bridges: The bridges that span the Forth of Firth are monumental and much-admired. The three bridges are the Queensferry Crossing (vehicle only), Forth Road Bridge (vehicle and pedestrian), and the 1890 UNESCO World Heritage listed Forth Bridge (rail).  | 

For more: www.cruiseforth.com , www.visitscotland.com , www.edinburgh.org

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EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle: In the heart of the old city is this magnificent 11th Century castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels and the National War Museum of Scotland. Hosts the annual Edinburgh Tattoo.
9:30a-6p | £19.50 | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

The Royal Mile: An architecturally striking historic street that runs from Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace, enjoy popping in and out of shops and cafés along the way.
24 Hours | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

The Palace of Holyroodhouse: At the end of the Royal Mile is the official residence of the King in Scotland, dating back to the 16th Century. It houses the historic apartments of Mary, Queen of Scots.
9:30a-4:30p | £22 | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

Arthur's Seat: An ancient, extinct volcano within the grounds of Holyrood Park. Rises to a peak of 251m and offers great hiking and spectacular views of the city and the Firth of Forth.
24 Hours | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#)

National Galleries of Scotland: Portrait: This grand, red-stone Victorian art gallery houses a significant collection of historical and contemporary portraits. Take a moment to appreciate the Zodiac ceiling in the Great Hall, representing 47 constellations comprised of around 2,000 stars.
10a-5p | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

National Galleries of Scotland: Modern One: Edinburgh's modern art gallery displays work by a range of leading figures including Miro and Hockney. Also enjoy the sculpture park.
10a-5p | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

National Museum of Scotland: Modern museum telling Scotland's story. Very interesting from both an industrial and natural perspective.
10a-5p | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

Surgeons' Hall Museums: Located at the Royal College of Surgeons, this fascinating museum gives a glimpse into historical medical practice, with 18th Century specimens and tools on display.
10a-5p | £9.50 | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

Museum of Childhood: The first museum in the world to tell the history of childhood. From home, to school and play, this fun and nostalgic museum tells the story of generations of childhoods in the UK.
10a-4:30p | Free | 9 miles from port (30-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Scottish Salmon: Scottish smoked salmon is delicious and some of the best around.





Edinburgh Gin: This boutique gin has become extremely popular in the recent gin and tonic revival.

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Scottish Shortbread: these simple butter biscuits are known the world over, and are a great (and tasty) gift, often in lovely presentation tins.

Alternatively, for clothing go native with a **tartan kilt**, or indulgent with a top-quality **cashmere scarf**.

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