

Festival for your full incentive trip. If the festival incentive sounds good, contact one of the British ground operators specializing in festival bookings (such as Supertravel Ltd.) early — the festival is internationally popular, and the British Tourist Authority warns that booking must be done far, far in advance. Get a free festival program by writing in January or February to Edinburgh Festival Booking Office, Market St., Edinburgh, 1.

Whether you are in Scotland for a week or for just a short stay, Edinburgh is worth a visit. As Richard Garwood of the Scottish Tourist Board says, "If we're selling Scotland, we're selling Edinburgh. It has the magnet." It's also the starting point for touring Scotland.

If you travel from the United States directly to Scotland, British Airways has regular daily flights to Prestwick International Airport, west of Glasgow. During heavy tourist seasons, there's an air shuttle between Prestwick or Glasgow's Abbotsinch to Turnhouse Airport in Edinburgh. At other times of the year, count on a 2½-hour drive. If you plan to "come up" from London, take the one-hour air shuttle (either British Airways from Heathrow Airport or British Caledonian

from Gatwick) direct to Turnhouse. Or take the train, which makes for a fast-paced 4½-hour daytime experience (with lunch on board) or a leisurely overnight sleeper.

Called "the Athens of the north" and perhaps "the most beautiful city in Europe" by enthusiasts, Edinburgh is roughly the same size as San Francisco and, like that California city, is built on several hills. While San Francisco has its Golden Gate Bridge, Edinburgh has two bridges across the Forth estuary — the Victorian Forth railway bridge and the new (opened in 1964) Forth Road suspension bridge. The two stand side by side and are one of the "sights" of the city.

Central Edinburgh is divided by gardens that run the full length of Princes St. on its south side. South of the gardens is the Old Town: original, medieval Edinburgh, running downhill along the crest of a ridge from Edinburgh Castle (perched high atop Castle Rock) to Holyrood Palace — home of the queen when she visits the city. The stretch from castle to palace is divided into sections — Lawnmarket, High St., and Canongate — and together these sections make up the Royal Mile. Between the tall houses lining



*A nostalgic reminder of the past; the bar parlor at the Radnorshire Arms, Presteigne, Radnorshire, Wales.*