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Best boutique hotels in Edinburgh: Where to stay for romance and Old Town views

Our pick of the top boutique places to stay in Scotland's capital, from Victorian villas to a quirky floating hotel







From the medieval closes of the Old Town to the regal townhouses of the Georgian New Town, Edinburgh is a city brimming with character. Days can be spent exploring independent shops on winding alleys, discovering the storied history of castles and palaces, and hiking up an extinct volcano. And that's just the city centre. On the fringe of the city, Edinburgh's old suburbs come with a history of their own, from the former mill estate at Dean Village to the 18th-century warehouses at Leith.

A stay in Edinburgh should be accompanied by accommodation that reflects the city's quirks. That's why boutique hotels are the best option for a weekend break in the Scottish capital, where cosy lounges are lined with gilded books, plush rooms are tucked away in the eaves of old buildings and extravagant afternoon teas are served in the restaurant. Here's our pick of the best boutique hotels in Edinburgh.

The best boutique hotels in Edinburgh

At a glance

- Best city centre boutique hotel: The Rutland
- Best Old Town boutique hotel: House of Gods
- Best budget boutique hotel: The Scott
- Most beautiful boutique hotel: Prestonfield House



7. Prestonfield House



Stay here if you want peace and quiet from the city (Prestonfield House)

This country manor sits within sprawling gardens in a southern Edinburgh suburb and is perfect for those seeking a little peace and quiet from their city stay. Peacocks strut around the grounds and a 17th-century Baroque mansion houses a stunning array of themed rooms, from the purple velvet in the decadent Provost Suite to the sleek silver and stark midnight blue in the Benjamin Franklin suite. Rhubarb Restaurant in the dramatic garden room is a destination dining experience in its own right, named for the fact that Prestonfield House was the first house to propagate rhubarb in Scotland. The fine dining menu remains an homage to locally-grown produce.

Address: Priestfield Road, Edinburgh EH16 5UT

Rooms available from

£290 per night

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