



**79th
Edinburgh
International
Film Festival**

Visitor Information Pack

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 79th Edinburgh International Film Festival in one of the world's most iconic festival cities.

Whether you are a filmmaker, member of the press or industry professional, this Visitor Pack is designed to help you make the most of your time in Edinburgh. From travel tips and venue information to special offers and cultural highlights, it brings together everything you need to navigate the Festival and explore Scotland's vibrant capital, whether it's your first or fiftieth visit.

We look forward to welcoming you this August for a week of cinema, conversation and connection, and hope you have a wonderful time with us.



Landing at Edinburgh Airport

Edinburgh Airport is compact and easy to navigate, with a range of transport options to help you reach the city centre and Festival venues.

Tram

Edinburgh Trams provide a fast and reliable service between the airport and the city centre. Services run every 7 minutes between 07:00 and 19:00, and every 10 minutes outside these hours. The first tram departs at 06:30 and the last at 22:52.

Bus

Airlink 100 is a 24-hour express bus service connecting Edinburgh Airport with the city centre, stopping at key locations including Haymarket Station and Waverley Bridge. Tickets can be purchased online, via the Transport for Edinburgh app, or using contactless payment when boarding.

Taxi

Official airport taxis are operated by Capital Cars and are available from the taxi rank directly outside the terminal.

Ride-hailing apps

Uber, Bolt and FREENOW all operate in Edinburgh. Pick-up is from the airport's designated Pick-Up & Drop-Off Zone on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park.

Arriving by Train

Edinburgh Waverley

Located in the heart of the city centre, Edinburgh Waverley is the city's main railway station, with entrances on Princes Street, Waverley Bridge, Market Street and Calton Road. It is served by direct trains from destinations across the UK.

The station offers cafés, shops, luggage storage, toilets and accessible facilities. Taxi and ride-hailing pick-up is available from Market Street.

Haymarket

Located in Edinburgh's West End, Haymarket Station is well connected by tram, bus and rail, making it a convenient arrival point for many Festival venues.

The station offers cafés, convenience stores and accessible facilities. Taxi and ride-hailing pick-up is available from Rosebery Crescent.

Getting Around Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a compact and walkable city, making it easy to travel between Festival venues. Please note that some streets are steep or cobbled, so we recommend allowing extra time for your journey, particularly during the busy August festival period.

Where possible, we encourage visitors to walk, cycle or use public transport to explore the city and travel between venues.

Edinburgh is particularly busy during August. We recommend allowing extra time for your journey and checking the latest public transport information before travelling.

Useful Information

The **Edinburgh Bus & Tram app** is a useful tool for planning journeys and purchasing tickets.

Contactless card payments are widely accepted throughout Edinburgh, although some smaller businesses may still accept cash only.

ATMs are available across the city, including at major supermarkets and transport hubs.

Scottish and Bank of England banknotes are accepted throughout Scotland. If you're travelling elsewhere in the UK after the Festival, some retailers may be less familiar with Scottish banknotes.

For information on accessible travel, Festival venues and accessibility services, please refer to the EIFF 2026 Access Guide.

Weather & Packing Tips

Edinburgh's weather can be unpredictable, even in August, so it's best to come prepared for all conditions.

We recommend packing layers, comfortable walking shoes and a waterproof jacket. An umbrella can also come in handy.

Before you travel, check the latest forecast on the **Met Office website** or app to help plan your visit.

Festival Venues

Save our interactive [Festival Map](#) for easy reference throughout your stay.

Screening Venues

Filmhouse

88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ

What3words: [///smooth.pint.rots](#)

Cameo Picturehouse

38 Home Street, Tollcross, Edinburgh EH3 9LZ

What3words: [///finger.images.smashes](#)

Cineworld Edinburgh

130/3 Dundee Street, Edinburgh EH11 1AF

What3words: [///bikes.meals.minus](#)

Central Hall

2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh EH3 9BP

What3words: [///cooks.silent.lasted](#)

Monkey Barrel 3

12 Blair Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QR

What3words: [///call.analogy.shelf](#)

Leith Theatre

28–30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH6 4AE

What3words: ///pitch.tasty.hoping

For directions, transport information and accessibility details, please refer to the EIFF 2026 Access Guide, where you'll find comprehensive information for each Festival venue

Festival Hub & Delegate Centre

Central Hall

2 West Tollcross, EH3 9BP

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Our Festival Hub is at Central Hall in Tollcross, Edinburgh where you will find our Delegate Centre and Registrations Desk.

You will be able to collect your EIFF Pass from the Registrations Desk from Friday 14 August to Tuesday 18 August. Prior to this, you can collect your pass from the Cameo Cinema from Monday 10 August to Thursday 13 August.

At Central Hall, you can network with other Industry Delegates, Press and Filmmakers, and if you need any information or advice, you can ask an EIFF staff member or consult our information packs and guides.

The Delegate Centre is on the first floor of the Festival Hub, which is a comfortable, accessible space, which is open from 09:00-22:45. As an EIFF Passholder, you can come and go as you please. Occasionally events will run in this space which may be open to

passholders or invite-only. We will publish this information in advance and on signage at the venue.

Registrations Desk

Please collect your EIFF Pass from the EIFF Registrations Desk, located on the second floor of our Festival Hub at Central Hall (2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP).

If entering via the main entrance on West Tollcross, please proceed up the stairs to the main lobby on the second floor. Lift access is available via Dunbar Street and will take you directly to the main lobby.

Please remember to bring valid photo identification (e.g. passport or driving licence) and proof of concession when collecting your EIFF Pass.

The EIFF Registrations Desk will be open at the Festival Hub at Central Hall (unless otherwise stated) at the following times.

Registrations Desk Opening Hours

Cameo

38 Home St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LZ

- Mon 10 Aug: 13:00–18:00
- Tue 11 Aug: 10:00–18:00
- Wed 12 Aug: 08:30–18:00
- Thu 13 Aug: 08:30–15:00

Festival Hub @ Central Hall

2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP

- Fri 14 Aug: 09:00–18:00
- Sat 15 Aug: 09:00–18:00
- Sun 16 Aug: 13:00–18:00
- Mon 17 Aug: 09:00–18:00
- Tue 18 Aug: 09:00–18:00
- Wed 19 Aug: 09:00–14:00

The EIFF Box Office will be open at the Festival Hub at Central Hall in the foyer.

EIFF Festival Hub Box Office Opening Hours

- Fri 14 Aug: 11:30–20:30
- Sat 15 Aug: 10:30–17:00
- Sun 16 Aug: 14:30–17:00
- Mon 17 Aug: 12:30–20:30
- Tue 18 Aug: 11:00–20:30

Press Office

The EIFF Press Office is located in the Dornoch Suite, on the Mezzanine Floor of the Caledonian Hotel.

Press Office Opening Hours

- Mon 10 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Tue 11 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Wed 12 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Thu 13 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Fri 14 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Sat 15 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Sun 16 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Mon 17 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Tue 18 Aug: 10:30–16:00
- Wed 19 Aug: 10:30–14:00

Premier PR handles all press and publicity for EIFF.

For enquiries, please phone (+44) 20 7292 8330 or email [**eiffpress@premiercomms.com**](mailto:eiffpress@premiercomms.com).

For full information on ticketing, access to Press & Industry (P&I) screenings, public screenings, Industry events and In Conversation bookings, please refer to the EIFF 2026 Industry Guide. The guides include everything you need to know about using your accreditation, booking eligible events, standby procedures and delegate concession tickets.

Explore Edinburgh

Between screenings and events, take some time to discover Edinburgh. From the historic Edinburgh Castle and Royal Mile to world-class museums, galleries and green spaces, there's plenty to explore across the city.

Download our **Attractions Map** for recommendations and points of interest.

Festival Season

August is Edinburgh's busiest cultural month, with the city's world-renowned festivals taking place alongside EIFF. We encourage you to explore the programmes of our sister festivals and experience the exceptional range of arts, culture and live performance taking place across the city during your stay.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe (7–31 August)

edfringe.com

The world's largest performing arts festival transforms Edinburgh each August, with thousands of performances taking place across the city. From stand-up comedy and theatre to dance, cabaret, circus and music, the Fringe offers something for every taste, from emerging artists to internationally acclaimed performers. With venues and pop-up spaces around every corner, it's the perfect opportunity to experience Edinburgh's unique festival atmosphere.

Edinburgh International Book Festival (15–30 August)

edbookfest.co.uk

One of the world's leading literary festivals, the Edinburgh International Book Festival brings together acclaimed authors, thinkers, journalists, poets and public figures from around the globe. Its programme spans fiction, non-fiction, politics, science, history, current affairs and children's events, offering a vibrant programme of talks, discussions and book signings throughout August.

This will stay relevant year after year and better reflects the scale and reputation of the festival.

Edinburgh International Festival (7–30 August)

eif.co.uk

The Edinburgh International Festival presents an outstanding programme of music, opera, theatre and dance, bringing together some of the world's leading artists and ensembles. Performances take place across Edinburgh's iconic venues, as well as in unique spaces throughout the city, making it one of the cultural highlights of the summer.

As an EIFF accredited filmmaker, press or industry delegate, you are eligible for the Arts Worker concession, offering 30% off selected Edinburgh International Festival tickets.

Edinburgh Art Festival (14–30 August)

edinburghartfestival.com

The UK's largest annual festival of visual art, Edinburgh Art Festival brings together leading contemporary artists alongside emerging talent through a city-wide programme of exhibitions, installations, commissions and events. Taking place in galleries, museums, artist-run spaces and public locations across Edinburgh, the Festival offers a unique opportunity to discover contemporary art while exploring the city.

Edinburgh TV Festival (25–28 August)

thetvfestival.com

The Edinburgh TV Festival is one of the UK's leading events for the television industry, bringing together broadcasters, producers, commissioners, creatives and emerging talent. Its programme of keynotes, panels, screenings and networking events explores the latest trends, ideas and opportunities shaping the future of television.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (7–29 August)

edintattoo.co.uk

Set against the spectacular backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is one of Scotland's most iconic live events. Featuring military bands, dancers and performers from around the world, the Tattoo combines music, precision, ceremony and storytelling in an unforgettable outdoor spectacle.

Assembly Festival (5–31 August)

assemblyfestival.com

Assembly Festival presents an exciting programme of theatre, comedy, music, cabaret, circus and family entertainment during Edinburgh's festival season. With venues across the city, it showcases acclaimed international artists alongside emerging talent, making it one of the largest and most diverse festival producers in Edinburgh.

Delegate Offers

Make the most of your time in Edinburgh with these exclusive offers for EIFF accredited delegates. Please present your EIFF Delegate Pass where required and check individual terms and conditions before redeeming.

Food & Drink

Cala Cala

Enjoy 20% off food and drinks.

Authentic Sicilian street food in Edinburgh, serving handmade arancini and traditional recipes with fresh ingredients.

Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR

Chaophraya Edinburgh

Enjoy 20% off à la carte menus or 10% off set menus.

Thai Dining with views of Edinburgh Castle and Firth of Forth.

33 Castle Street, EH2 3DN

Dishoom Edinburgh

Filmhouse

10% off food and drinks at the Filmhouse cafe-bar.

Featuring colourful small plates, generous sharing boards, and updated twists on Filmhouse favourites, we have something for every appetite.

88 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ

Made Uncommon

Receive 20% off all products with a minimum spend of £5.00.

UK premium chocolate company creating distinctive, high-quality chocolate across a portfolio of innovative brands.

Port Edgar Marina, Shore Road, South Queensferry EH30 9SQ

Mirin

Receive a complimentary cocktail on arrival (one per person).

A restaurant which combines the most delicious ingredients we can get our hands on with the Asian flavours we love.

9 Albert Place

Minami Sushi

Enjoy a complimentary Milky Oolong Tea with every order, plus 25% off all starters and poke bowls.

Discover fresh sushi, poke bowls and fried rice in the heart of Edinburgh. Lunch deals from just £6, plus gluten-free options

9 A West Register Street, EH2 2AA

Rosa's Thai

Receive a complimentary small plate or bubble tea.

Rosa's Thai is the go to Thai restaurant in Edinburgh! Great food, even better people! Giving that friendly Thai generosity.

43 Frederick Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1EP

The Huxley & Kyloe

Enjoy 20% off food, valid seven days a week.

At Kyloe we proudly champion Scotch beef with some cuts being dry aged in-house.

1-3 Rutland Street

The Willow Tea Rooms

Receive 10% off when dining.

Scottish tearoom opened daily for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with panoramic views of Edinburgh Castle throughout.

120 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4AD

Tuk Tuk Indian Street Food

10% off food.

Authentic Indian street food with bold flavours, vibrant vibes and award-winning hospitality in the heart of Edinburgh.

1 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH

16 Drummond Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9TX

Attractions & Experiences

Dovecot Studios

Enjoy 20% off tickets for the exhibition Costume Couture: Sixty Years of Cosprop using the code EIFF20.

Dovecot is a world-renowned tapestry studio in the heart of Edinburgh.

10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT

Edinburgh Gin Distillery

Receive 15% off Gin Distillery Experiences, Tours and Tastings.

Visit Edinburgh Gin Distillery. Award-winning distillery tours, gin tasting and a spectacular rooftop bar.

Edinburgh Gin Distillery, East Market Street, Edinburgh

The Chocolatarium

Enjoy 20% off all chocolate experiences throughout August.

Chocolate tours and tastings in Edinburgh's Old Town! See how chocolate is made, then make your own bar to take away.

3-5 Cranston Street

The Scotch Whisky Experience

Receive £5 off any whisky tour between 1 August and 1 September 2026.

Five-star Scotch whisky visitor attraction offering immersive tours, tastings, dining, retail, and exceptional experiences.

354 Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE

Please note:

- Offers are available exclusively to EIFF 2026 accredited delegates unless otherwise stated.
- An EIFF 2026 Delegate Pass must be presented to redeem offers unless otherwise stated.
- Please check opening times and availability with each venue before visiting.
- Offers cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion unless otherwise stated.
- Individual venue terms and conditions apply. Visit **edfilmfest.org/eiff-2026-delegate-offers** for full details.

Accessibility at EIFF

EIFF is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming Festival for all audiences. If you have any access requirements relating to Industry events or your accreditation, please contact **registrations@edfilmfest.org** in advance and we'll be happy to assist.

For full information on accessibility at EIFF, including accessible booking, our enhanced access screenings, venue accessibility and accessibility services, please refer to the EIFF 2026 Access Guide. The guide also includes a full schedule of Audio Described, Live Captioned, Subtitled and Relaxed screenings taking place during the Festival.

Environmental Sustainability at EIFF

Environmental sustainability is central to EIFF's mission. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and embedding sustainable practices across every aspect of the Festival.

Our Commitments in Action

Reduce waste by reusing and recycling materials wherever possible across Festival operations.

Encourage sustainable travel by promoting walking, cycling, public transport and rail travel wherever practical.

Work with our venues, suppliers and partners to minimise the Festival's environmental impact.

Encourage delegates, guests and audiences to make sustainable choices throughout their time at EIFF.

To find out more about our environmental sustainability commitments, please visit our website.



Key Contacts

For assistance during the Festival, please use the contacts below:

EIFF Registrations Team

For accreditation and delegate pass enquiries

registrations@edfilmfest.org

EIFF Box Office

For ticketing enquiries

boxoffice@edfilmfest.org

EIFF General Enquiries

For all other Festival enquiries

info@edfilmfest.org

EIFF Marketing Team

For website enquiries or to report website issues

marketing@edfilmfest.org

See You Soon!

We hope this Visitor Pack helps you make the most of your time at the 79th Edinburgh International Film Festival.

Whether you're here to premiere a film, discover new talent, connect with industry colleagues or cover the Festival, we wish you an inspiring and enjoyable stay in Edinburgh.

Thank you for being part of EIFF 2026. We look forward to welcoming you this August and hope you have a fantastic Festival. Safe travels!

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