



QUALITY OF LIFE

Edinburgh is one of the world's most beautiful cities – and a great place to live. Stunning architecture, a rich heritage, a modern and vibrant atmosphere, proximity to beaches and countryside, and world famous cultural events all contribute to make the best quality of life in the UK.



OVERVIEW

Scotland's capital city is cosmopolitan, vibrant and compact and has long been recognised as a great place to live. A year-round cultural calendar, an excellent reputation for education, an abundance of shops, restaurants and bars and beautiful green spaces all contribute to an enviable quality of life.

AWARD-WINNING

- Voted top UK city for 'Quality of Life' and 'Freedom from pollution' in Cushman and Wakefield's 2008 UK Cities Monitor, Edinburgh was also named 'Best place to live in the UK' by popular Channel Four property show Location, Location, Location in 2007.
- A 95% satisfaction rating among local residents gives it the highest of any city surveyed by Ipsos-MORI (2008).

CULTURAL LIFE

- Edinburgh is the world's leading festival city with 12 annual international festivals and was crowned UNESCO's first ever City of Literature.
- It also hosts the five National Galleries of Scotland and has many other attractions such as Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, the Royal Botanic Garden, the Zoo and several theatres.

LIFESTYLE AND LEISURE

- Boasting an exceptional blend of contemporary restaurants and bars, the city also offers an excellent retail mix of national chains, high-end designer brands, independents and exclusive boutiques.
- The region is home to the world's largest indoor climbing arena, over 100 golf courses and Britain's longest artificial ski slope. There are also 112 public parks to choose from.

EXCELLENT EDUCATION

- Edinburgh is home to 3 world-class universities and many further education colleges. The region is also renowned for its high concentration of private schools with 30 of Scotland's 75 private schools within its boundaries.
- It has a strong, flourishing international student community, with nearly 14,000 students from outside the UK.



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