

Restaurants

Edinburgh is full of restaurants of all kinds. Below are some recommendations that cover a broad spectrum of tastes and price classes. For lunch, there are plenty of small restaurants, sandwich shops and pubs offering food in the vicinity of Appleton Tower that are not listed below: try Potterrow, West Nicolson Street, South Bridge, Nicolson Street, St Patrick's Square, Clerk Street, Forrest Road, George IV Bridge, Grassmarket.

Traditional

North Bridge Brasserie (0131 622 2900) ----- 20 North Bridge

Part of the fashionable and expensive Scotsman Hotel. Lots of cocktails, stainless steel etc and a very lively atmosphere.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £17.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13

Opening Hours: Sun-Thu 10am-11pm; Fri/Sat 10am-1am

Food Serving Hours: Sun-Thu 12.15-2.30pm, 6.15-10pm; Fri/Sat 12.15-2.30pm, 6.15-10.30pm

Hadrian's Brasserie (0131 557 5000) ----- 2 North Bridge

The less expensive restaurant in the Waverley Hotel. Mixes Scottish specialities, including Shetland salmon and haggis, with classic dishes such as mussels marinière, tagliatelle carbonara, grilled steak or fish'n'chips.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £16; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £16

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat 7-10.30am, noon-2.30pm, 6.30-10.30pm; Sun 7.30-11am, 12.30-3pm, 6.30-10.30pm

The Witchery (0131-225-5613) ----- Castlehill, The Royal Mile

At the gates of Edinburgh Castle, fantastic ambiance serving classic Scottish cuisine and boasting a 1000-wine cellar.

Lunch (2-3 courses) £9-£30; Dinner (2-3 courses) £9-£50

Lunch Mon-Sun 12noon – 4pm

Dinner Mon-Sun 5.30pm-6.30pm and 10.30pm-11.30pm.

The Grain Store (0131 225 7635) ----- 30 Victoria Street

Scottish-French hybrid whose varied menu changes seasonally.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £28; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Thu noon-2pm, 6-10pm; Fri/Sat noon-3pm, 6-11pm; Sun noon-3pm, 6-10pm.

Jacksons (0131- 225-1793) ----- 209 - 213 High Street

Scottish meals elegantly crafted. Dining rooms are tastefully decorated with tapestries and torch lighting.

Lunch (2-3 courses) £8-£10.50; Dinner (1-3 courses) £14-£28

Lunch Mon-Sun 12 noon – 2.30pm

Dinner Mon-Sun 6pm – 10:30pm

Tower Restaurant (0131 225 3003) ----- Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street

Equally effective as a special occasion venue or a daytime hangout, the Tower has just about got the lot

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £28; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13.75

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-11pm

Sweet Melindas (0131 229 7953) ----- 11 Roseneath Street, Edinburgh

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £19; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £12

Food Serving Hours: Mon 7-10pm; Tue-Sat noon-2pm, 7-10pm. Closed Sun.

French

Petit Paris (0131 226 2442) ----- 38-40 Grassmarket

Classic French meals served in a cheerful Mediterranean setting. Does not cater for vegetarians.

Lunch fixed price menu (main course plus coffee for £5); Dinner: Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £19.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £10.90

Lunch noon-3pm & 5.30pm-10pm daily. Closed Sunday

Maison Bleue (0131 226 1900) ----- 36-38 Victoria Street

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £18; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.90

Opening Hours: Mon-Sun noon-midnight

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-3pm, 5-11pm

La P'tite Folie (0131 225 7983) ----- 61 Frederick Street

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £16; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm, 6-11pm; Sun 6-11pm.

Italian

Giuliano's (0131 556 6590) ----- 18/19 Union Place,

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £15; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £12

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-midnight

La Rusticana (0131 225 2832) ----- 25-27 Cockburn Street

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £15; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £8.95

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-2pm, 5-11pm

Spanish

Igg's (0131 557 8184) ----- 15 Jeffrey Street

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £22; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13.75

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm. Closed Sun

Barioja (0131 557 3622) ----- 19 Jeffrey Street

Great Spanish tapas with style

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £13; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13.75

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm. Closed Sun.

La Tasca (0131 558 8894) ----- Unit 2, Omni Centre, Greenside Place

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £9.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.65

Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs noon-11pm; Fri-Sat noon-11.30pm; Sun 12.45-11pm

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-11pm

Chinese

Kweilin (0131 557 1875) ----- 19-21 Dundas Street

There is still no rival to knock Kweilin off its perch when it comes to top-notch Chinese dining in Edinburgh.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £20; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £13.50

Food Serving Hours: Tue-Thu noon-2pm, 5-11pm; Fri/Sat noon-2pm, 5-11.30pm; Sun 5-11pm. Closed Mon

Loon Fung (0131 556 1781) ----- 2 Warriston Place, Canonmills

Unpretentious, easy going, and now in its 34th year, the Canonmills' Loon Fung is comfortably established in this corner of Edinburgh and is full every night of the week.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £17; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.95

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Thu noon-11.30pm; Fri noon-12.30am; Sat 2pm-12.30am; Sun 2-11.30pm

Indian

Kalpna (0131-667-9890) ----- 2-3 St Patrick's Square

Lovely vegetarian and vegan Indian food.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £12 ; Price of wine per bottle: £9.95

Daily 12noon-2.30pm, 5.30-11pm

Original Khushi's (0131-667-0888) ----- 26-30 Potterrow

Indian restaurant with delicious curries, generous portions. BYO

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £9.50

Mon-Sat noon-11pm; Sun 5-11pm

Annpurna (662 1807) ----- 44-45 St Patrick's Square

Delicious Indian vegetarian and vegan food served in a friendly environment.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £10.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £8.25

Lunch Mon-Fri noon-2pm, Dinner 5.30-11pm

The Raj (0131 553 3980) ----- 91 Henderson Street, The Shore, Leith

Average price of a two-course meal: £11; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £8.95

Food Serving Hours: Sun-Thu noon-2.30pm, 5.30-11.30pm; Fri/Sat noon-2.30pm, 5.30pm-midnight

The Indian Cavalry Club (0131 228 3282) ----- Atholl Place

Average price of a Two-Course meal: £14; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £10.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-2pm, 5.30-11.30pm

Mexican

Viva Mexico (0131 226 5145) ----- 41 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh.

Average price of a Two-course meal: £14; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm; Sun 6-10pm

Pancho Villas (0131 557 4416) ----- 240 Canongate

Average Price of a Two-course meal: £12; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £9.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Thu noon-2.30pm, 6-10pm, Fri/Sat noon-10.30pm; Sun 6-10.30pm

Seafood/Fish

Creelers (0131 220 4447) ----- 3 Hunter Square

Owned by a fisherman's cooperative from the west coast...

if it's a taste of the sea in Edinburgh you want without going paddling, then Creelers is the perfect choice.

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £22; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £12.50

Food Serving Hours: Mon & Thu noon-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm; Tue/Wed 5.30-10.30pm; Fri/Sat noon-2.30pm, 5.30-11pm; Sun 12.30-3pm, 6-10.30pm.

Mussel Inn (0131 225 5109) ----- 61-65 Rose Street

Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £14.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £10.95

Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm; Sun 1.30-10pm

Fishers in the City (0131 225 5109) ----- 58 Thistle Lane
Average Price of a Two-course meal: £21; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £10.95
Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat noon-10.30pm; Sun 12.30-10.30pm

Vegetarian

Susie's Diner (0131 667 8729) ----- 51-53 West Nicolson Street, Edinburgh.
Healthy vegetarian food at a slow pace
Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £7.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £7.95
Food Serving Hours: Mon 9am-8pm; Tue-Sat 9am-9pm. Closed Sun.

Annpurna : See "Indian"

Kalpna: See "Indian"

Cafes and Bars

The Basement (0131 557 0097) ----- 10-12a Broughton Street
Mexican-Style Food
Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £7.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £8.50
Food serving Hours: Mon-Sun noon-10.30pm

Ecco Vino (0131 225 1441) -----19 Cockburn Street
Average Price of a Two-Course Meal: £8.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £11
Food Serving Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm; Sun noon-11pm

Café DeLos and Café Soupson (0131 247 4111) ----- Royal Museum of Scotland, 2 Chambers Street
Set within the magnificent surroundings of the Royal Museum of Scotland's lofty atrium, the informal menu is based around trendy café favourites from healthy breakfast mueslis to stromboli
Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £8; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £11.50
Food Serving Hours: Café DeLos: Mon & Wed-Sat 10am-4pm; Tue 10am-7pm; Sun noon-4.30pm. Café Soupson: Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm; Sun noon-4.30pm.

The Human Be-In (0131-662-8860) ----- 2-8 West Crosscauseway
A fancy-fusion menu including venison sausages and wasabi mash, good veggie options.
Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £11; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £8.95
Daily 11am- 1am

Monster Mash (0131 225 7069) ----- 4a Forrest Road
A smart but basic café... serving comfort food of the highest quality
Average Price of a Two-course Meal: £7.50; Price of House Wine per Bottle: £10.50
Food Serving Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-10pm; Sat 9am-10pm; Sun 10am-10pm

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