

# Edinburgh Leisure

## NATIONAL MUSEUMS

All our collections have tales to tell at the [National Museum of Scotland](#). See treasures from the edges of history and trace Scotland's story from fascinating fossils to popular culture. Exhibitions in 2010 include: [Meet Your Maker](#), and from 21 May, [The Lewis Chessmen: Unmasked](#). Shining Lights, an exhibition to celebrate the bi-centenary of the Bell Rock Lighthouse, will open in October.

Check in for an adventure at the [National Museum of Flight](#). Our 50-strong collection of aircraft includes high-ranking military planes and passenger travel aircraft. Seek out the Comet and Concorde, Tiger Moth and Tornado, Spitfire and Sea Hawk, Jetstream and Jaguar. From 1 April our new [Boeing 707](#) goes on display.

Wars have shaped Scotland's story over centuries. Discover the human face and proud history behind Scotland at war at the [National War Museum Scotland](#) at Edinburgh Castle. This year's exhibition, [Land Girls and Lumber Jills](#), tells the important story of the Women's Land Army (WLA) and Women's Timber Corps (WTC) in Scotland.

As well as the National Museum of Scotland, other 'must visit' Edinburgh museums and art galleries include:-

**The National Galleries of Scotland** - their collection of Scottish and international art is among the best in the world, and is housed in five galleries across Edinburgh. Open daily and entrance is free. For more information visit [www.nationalgalleries.org](http://www.nationalgalleries.org)

**The City Art Centre** - Located in the heart of the capital, with six exhibition galleries, the City Art Centre, which opened in 1980, is Scotland's emporium of the visual arts. Visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk)

**The Museum of Childhood** - a unique treasure house dedicated to children and crammed full of memories of childhood past and present. Many of the galleries display toys and games galore from all around the world, ranging from dolls and teddy bears to train sets and tricycles. Visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk)

**The Museum of Edinburgh** - Packed with artefacts illustrating the history of Edinburgh including the National Covenant, Greyfriar's Bobby's feeding bowl and fine Edinburgh glass. Visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk)