

Edinburgh Hotels Association

All the festival dates for 2012



[Mary King's Ghost Fest](#) TBC for 2012

Paranormal investigations, celebrity ghost hunts and other spooky goings on at The Real Mary King's Close.

[Ceilidh Culture](#) TBC for 2012

Edinburgh's traditional arts festival, featuring music, dance, storytelling and more.

[International Science Festival](#) 31 March- 13 April 2012

The International Science Festival features a host of fun and educational events, lectures and attractions celebrating all things scientific.

[Beltane Fire Festival](#) 30 April 2012

Beltane is an ancient Celtic festival and Edinburgh plays host to some colourful and exciting celebrations to mark the date.

[Imagine Festival](#) 7 – 14 May 2012

The Imagine Festival is Edinburgh's children's festival and has loads of plays, activities and fun things to do for youngsters of all ages.

[Leith Festival](#) 8 -17 June 2012

Come and celebrate all things Leith at this festival, featuring music, dance, art and other exciting events.

[Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) TBC 2012

The Edinburgh Film Festival is an internationally-renowned event on the movie festival circuit and attracts premieres and stars from all over the world.

[Edinburgh International Magic Festival](#) 29 June – 6 July 2012

2012 will see Edinburgh host the third International Magic Festival with a range of performers show-casing their magical talents.

[Edinburgh Art Festival](#) TBC 2012

Edinburgh Art Festival celebrates the visual arts in all its diversity, from world-class exhibitions to strikingly original installations.

[Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival](#) 28 July – 6 August 2012

Get your gladrag on and party to the sounds of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival, a popular event which attracts international talent.

[Edinburgh Fringe Festival](#) 3 - 27 August 2012

Getting bigger, better and – some may say – weirder every year, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival is the highlight of many a festival-goer's calendar.

[Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo](#) 3 – 25 August 2012

Selling out months in advance, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a spectacular event taking place on the Castle Esplanade.

[The Edge Music Festival](#) TBC 2012

Adding alternative music to the August festival mix, The Edge Music Festival attracts A-list bands as part of its programme.

[Festival of Spirituality and Peace](#) TBC 2012

The Festival of Spirituality and Peace features music, dance, talks and other events highlighting humanitarian issues and causes.

[Edinburgh International Festival](#) 10 August – 2 September 2012

The one that started it all, the Edinburgh International Festival is a feast of world-class music, dance and theatrical performances.

[Edinburgh International Book Festival](#) 11 - 27 August 2012

This literary event attracts major names in the writing, publishing and political fields to the serene Charlotte Square Gardens setting.

[Edinburgh Mela Festival](#) 31 August - 2nd September 2012

Celebrating the cultural diversity of the city, the Mela Festival brings colour and exotic flair to Edinburgh in August.

[Scottish Story Telling Festival](#) 21-30 October 2011

Celebrating the great Scottish oral tradition, the Story Telling Festival showcases the talents of national bards, poets and tale-spinners.

Edinburgh's Christmas TBC – late November – End Dec 2011

Edinburgh sparkles at Christmas and features events, attractions and shows for all the family to enjoy during the festival season.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay 29 December 2011 – 2 January 2012

End the year with the biggest street party in the world!