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Edinburgh  
Potter Trek #1




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**Advocate's Close Encounter with Afternoon Tea**

If you'll be enjoying **Afternoon Tea at the Balmoral Hotel** (Site #50), book your reservation no earlier than **4pm**, and strictly follow our **arrival time** and **time on-site** suggestions. If you'll *not* be reserving an Afternoon Tea, take as much time as you wish at any site.

To begin this trek, take a **city bus** to **Edinburgh Law School's Old College** building, located on **South Bridge** (street), in the block north of Site #54. *Or*, take a **taxi** to the **Spoon Café Bistro at 6a Nicholson Street**.

| Arrival Time | SITE  | Time On-Site | Depart Time | Travel Time/Method to next Site  |
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| 10:00 am     | Arrive at the <b>Spoon Café Bistro</b> —aka <b>Nicolson's Restaurant</b> —(Site #54). Buy a cuppa and snap your pix. Don't forget the Ladies' Loo Knitting Pattern pix. | 45 min       | 10:45 am    | A 15 min  that includes stopping for <b>Potterow Port Pix</b> |


Exit the Bistro and turn right, walking a few steps to the first intersection. This is where **Nicolson Street** becomes **South Bridge** (street) and continues north. It is also where **Drummond Street** (on your right) becomes **South College Street** and leads west. ♦ Turn left and cross to walk west on South College Street—caution, there's no crosswalk. At the end of South College Street, look to your left for the north entrance to the **Potterow Port** underpass.







We've scheduled 8 minutes to take pix with the Potterow Port sign. If something is in the way (musicians often perform in this area), there's another sign above the south underpass entrance.





When finished, walk through the Potterow Port underpass. ♦ Turn right and follow the sidewalk that leads around the **Potterow Student Union** building, to the plaza in front of it.

Turn right at the first sidewalk, jogging left to continue past the bus stop and reach the **Lothian Street** cross walk ♦ Cross to the island in the middle of Lothian Street—at the mouth of **Bristo Place**, where Lothian Street becomes **Teviot Place**—and keep left to reach the north side of Teviot Place. ♦ Turn left to walk west, watching on your right for the Favorit Café.


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| 11:00 am | Arrive at the <b>Favorit Café</b> (Site #53) and take outside pix. Go inside, purchase a cuppa, and snap inside pix. | 30 min | 11:30 am | A 3 min  |
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| Exit the Café, turn right and walk west to the first intersection. ♦ Cross to the west side of <b>Forest Road</b> . ♦ Turn right and walk northeast on Forest Road, watching on your left for the lane on the south side of <b>Greyfriars Bobby Bar</b> . ♦ Turn left and walk into <b>Greyfriars Kirkyard</b> (Site #51a).   |  |              |             |  |
| 11:33 am  | Follow directions within <b>Site #51a</b> or use the <b>Greyfriars Kirkyard Potter Map</b> .                           | 45 min       | 12:18 pm    | A 1 min   |
| When finished in the Kirkyard, return to the east entrance. ♦ Cross to the <b>triangular island</b> between <b>Candlemaker Row</b> and <b>George IV Bridge</b> (street). Here you'll find the <b>Greyfriars Bobby statue—Point A</b> on the Greyfriars Kirkyard Potter Map.   |  |              |             |  |
| 12:19 pm  | Take Greyfriars Bobby statue pix   | 11 min       | 12:30 am    | A 3 min   |
| From there, walk north and use the crosswalk that safely leads to the north side of <b>Chambers Street</b> . ♦ Cross to the south side of Chambers Street. ♦ Turn left and walk east, watching on your right for the <b>National Museum of Scotland</b> (Site #52) entrance.  |  |              |             |  |
| 12:33 pm  | Arrive at <b>Site #52</b> . Snap your Chessmen pix and visit one or more of the four gift shops.                       | 90 min       | 2:05 pm     | A 3 min   |
| Exit the National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street and turn left to walk back to George IV Bridge (street). ♦ Turn right and cross to the north side of Chambers Street, then cross to the west side of George IV Bridge. ♦ Turn right and walk north, watching on your left for the <b>Elephant House</b> .   |  |              |             |  |
| 2:10 pm   | Arrive at the <b>Elephant House</b> (Site #51) and take outside pix. Go inside, purchase a cuppa, and snap inside pix. | 45 min       | 2:55 pm     | A 5 min  to <b>J.K. Rowling's Handprints</b>        |
| Exit the Elephant House and turn left. Walk north on George IV Bridge (street) to the <b>Royal Mile—aka High Street</b> . ♦ Cross to the <b>north</b> side of High Street. ♦ Turn right and walk east, watching on your left for the entrance to <b>Advocate's Close</b> —a very narrow, stone opening sandwiched between two shops directly across from the body of <b>Saint Giles Cathedral</b> . <b>Do not go in yet!</b> Continue east. ♦ When you near the cathedral's eastern end, watch on your left for a row of <b>seven brick arches</b> that open to the <b>City Chambers Quadrangle</b> . ♦ Turn left into the <b>first</b> (farthest west) quadrangle arch and walk forward, watching on the ground for the <b>Edinburgh Award</b> . Rowling's handprints are in the upper right corner. Clear away any rain puddles and debris <i>before</i> snapping your pix! |  |              |             |  |
| 3:00 pm   |                                     | 15 min       | 3:15 pm     | A 25 min  that includes <b>Advocate's Close</b> pix |

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|              | <p>Exit the City Chambers Quadrangle and turn right to walk back west along the north side of High Street. Watch on your right for the Advocate's Close entrance. Happily, the Close has a sign above it!</p> <p>After carefully climbing down to the <b>landing</b> at the bottom of the steep and shallow steps, turn around and look back up. We've allowed 15 minutes for taking pix of this <i>Knockturn Alley</i> look-alike site.</p> |              |                 |  <p>[©2010 Postdlf]</p>   |
|              |    |              |                 | <p>When finished, head east through the tunnel that leads to <b>Cockburn Street</b>. ♦ Turn left when you emerge and walk to the corner. ♦ Turn right and cross to the east side of Cockburn Street.</p> <p>♦ Turn left and cross <b>Market Street</b> to reach the east side of <b>Waverley Bridge</b> (street). ♦ Walk north to <b>Princes Street</b>. ♦ Turn right and walk east to the <b>Balmoral Hotel</b> entrance.</p> |
| 3:45 pm      | Arrive at the <b>Balmoral Hotel</b> (Site #50) and head for the Palm Court Café. Locate the nearest elevators during your sip or sup. After that, 5th floor pic-snapping shouldn't take longer than 30 minutes.  | 60 to 90 min | 4:45 to 5:15 pm | Return to your lodgings, or tour Edinburgh on a Hop-On/Off Bus.  |

**TAXI** There is a taxi rank in front of the Balmoral Hotel Princes Street entrance.

 Bus stops can be found near the hotel on both sides of Princes Street, as well as on the west side of Waverley Bridge (street), just south of Princes Street.

 The nearest Hop-On/Off Bus Stop is on the west side of Waverley Bridge. All Hop-On/Off bus tour options can be boarded here.

Exit the Balmoral Hotel front entrance on Princes Street and turn left to walk west. ♦ Cross to the west side of Waverley Bridge and turn left.