

sparqs Conference – 28th March 2019

Venue: Surgeons' Hall, Quincentenary Building, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW

Getting to Edinburgh and getting around

Airport

Edinburgh is served by [Edinburgh Airport](#), located approximately 8 miles from the city centre and the conference venue. From the airport, there are regular [buses](#) and [trams](#) into the city centre, approximately a 30 minute journey (possibly slightly longer on the bus depending on traffic).

There is a 24-hour [taxi](#) rank at the airport – there's no need to pre-book but you can do so if preferred. A taxi from the airport to the city centre will typically take around 25 minutes and cost approximately £20-25.

Click here for more information about the various [transport links](#) to and from the airport.

Trains

The two main train stations in the city centre are **Edinburgh Waverley** and **Haymarket**. Edinburgh Waverley is the closest station to the conference venue, located at the East end of Princes Street, the main street in the city centre, stretching around 1 mile and overlooked by the spectacular Edinburgh Castle. The conference venue is just a 10 minute walk from Waverley Station.

See the [National Rail website](#) for train travel information.

Buses

Edinburgh has a very good bus service, which is relatively easy to navigate as the majority of buses go close to or via Princes Street, the main street in the city centre. The main bus company is [Lothian Buses](#) – a single journey costs £1.70 regardless of the distance, and a day-ticket costs £4.00, allowing unlimited journeys on Lothian Buses all day. **NB:** exact money is required, drivers can not give change.

See the ["Where we are" page on the Surgeons' Hall website](#) for further information on how to get to the venue. Scroll down below the map at the top of the webpage for information on buses which go past the venue, as well as other travel information.

Maps

[Surgeons' Hall, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW](#) – the conference venue.

[Surgeons' Hall site map](#) – the conference is taking place in the Quincentenary Building – enter from Nicolson Street via the North Gate entrance.

[Edinburgh City Centre – Princes Street \(main thoroughfare\)](#)

[Map of Scotland](#) – showing locations of the main conference venue, International Delegates' Day, optional site visits, Edinburgh Airport and Waverley train station.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation where required. Below are some options reasonably close to the conference venue, across varying price ranges. The list is roughly from highest to lowest in price range. The first option, Ten Hill Place, is owned by Surgeons' Hall, so is located right at the venue.

[Ten Hill Place – owned by Surgeons' Hall](#)

[Radisson Blu – Royal Mile](#)

[MacDonald Holyrood](#)

[Apex Grassmarket](#)

[Ibis Edinburgh Central, Royal Mile – Hunter Square](#)

[Ibis Centre South Bridge](#)

[Jurys Inn – Jeffrey Street](#)

[Holiday Inn Express Royal Mile](#)

[Premier Inn – Edinburgh Central – Lauriston Place](#)

[Hub by Premier Inn – East Market Street](#)

[Travelodge – Edinburgh Central – St Mary's Street](#)

[Motel One – Market Street](#)

[Royal Mile Backpackers](#)

[High Street Hostel](#)

[Castle Rock Hostel](#)

About Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, a city steeped in history and culture. The historic 'old town' boasts many of the city's most famous tourist sights, such as Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile and Holyrood Palace. In contrast, the 'new town' is situated on the North side of the beautiful Princes Street Gardens, which runs the length of Princes Street, the city's main thoroughfare, overlooked by the castle.

If you have some time to spend in Edinburgh there is much to explore. From the castle and the Royal Mile, to museums, art galleries, stunning architecture, shopping, restaurants, bars and city tours..... explore the [Visit Scotland](#) website for more information.

Contact us

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