

# MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS IN EDINBURGH



## INFORMATION FOR CLASS TEACHERS

Thank you for choosing Historic Edinburgh Tours for your Mary, Queen of Scots tour.

This information sheet includes possible accessibility issues and a list of suggested points for your risk assessment.

Your pupils will be using the Old Town section of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Site as a backdrop to educational exercises that relate to the Curriculum for Excellence.

We're excited to be able to take them around this magnificent city!

### Notes

**1 - Your guide's mobile number is 07590 026 077.**

**2 - If the weather is too bad for your tour, and you'd like to reschedule, please text/call your guide by 8.30 am (at the latest) on the morning of your tour.**

**3 - You don't need to bring any pencils or clipboards.**

**4 - You don't need to bring a cheque or money - we will invoice your school after the tour.**

## STARTING LOCATION - In front of Museum of Scotland



Postcode : EH1 1JF



## INFORMATION FOR SUGGESTED RISK ASSESSMENT


(Please note that this is provided purely as an example of the types of hazards which may occur during the tour. Please use your own risk assessment procedures.)

Potential Hazard	Possible Likelihood and/or Seriousness of Injury	Control Measures To Be Put In Place	Assessment of Remaining Risk
Traffic	Possible and potentially very serious.	Supervision of children by class teachers and parents.	Still a risk
Pavement, steps and road conditions due to weather or repair	Likely and could be serious.	Children asked to wear appropriate shoes for walking  Supervision of children by school staff.	Still a risk
Child wandering away from group	Possible and potentially very serious.	Supervision of children by school staff and parents.  Clear information to children to remain in class line and not to leave group. This should be given by teacher before the tour starts.	Still a risk
Needles/broken glass in Greyfriars	Possible and potentially very serious.	Supervision of children by school staff and parents.  Clear information not to touch anything on the ground and to stay with the group at all times.	Still a risk.
Tetanus from rusty metal around the <u>mortsafe</u>	Possible and potentially very serious.	Pupils to be told not to touch <u>mortsafe</u> and to clean hands with sterile wipes (teachers first aid kits should have these).	Still a risk.



## INFORMATION FOR SUGGESTED RISK ASSESSMENT - THE TOUR ROUTE




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Location	Notes
Meet just outside the Museum of Scotland in Chambers Street.	Could the class possibly visit the toilets and have their snack before the tour starts?
Walk to Old Quadrangle of the University of Edinburgh.	We will walk round side road next to the <u>Potterrow Port</u> . This is part of a construction site, and the road is closed off. We'll walk up this road, cross the closed off narrow road between the Museum and the University and walk down the side of the University before turning onto South Bridge and entering the Quadrangle through the main gates.
Walk to the Museum of Scotland	We'll walk around to Chambers Street, cross over the narrow road mentioned above and enter the Museum. Our 'break' will take place just outside the Museum main doors.
Greyfriars Kirkyard (Candlemaker Row)	We'll cross over the double crossing at Forrest Road. This is one of the biggest and busiest crossings on the tour. Pupils will cross to the island and then over the narrower road at Simply Fix It computer repair shop on Forrest Road/Candlemaker Road.  Parent helpers and school staff to be vigilant for any needles or broken glass within the Kirkyard itself.
Candlemaker Row to <u>Cowgatehead/</u> <u>Grassmarket</u>	Crossing at <u>Grassmarket</u> – very busy usually.  



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Walk down the Pleasance and cross Holyrood Road.	
Walk up St Mary's Street and then to the High Street.	This is a busy street.
Cross over Blackfriars Street	 <b>Note - there is no pedestrian crossing here.</b> There is no alternative option here. PSA/Parent helpers/Teacher to assist.
Cross over South Bridge.	
Walk up the High Street.	This is a pedestrianised area.



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<u>Grassmarket</u> to West Bow at Victoria Terrace	A steep flight of stairs up to the Ovir Bow. Wheelchair access, not a possibility (although teacher/parent could take a wheelchair to Victoria Street/George IV Bridge and then double back on Victoria Terrace).
Ovir Bow to crossing next to Parliament Square	Very busy double-crossing at George IV Bridge (at G and V Hotel – former Missoni).  We'll then cross over the <u>Lawnmarket</u> crossing at the David Hume statue.
<u>Warriston's Close</u>	This is a steep close with a steep set of stairs. We won't go down many steps, the sign for John Knox's House is about ten steps down and there is a flat place where pupils can stand.
Parliament Square and St Giles.	Hopefully, the High Street will be closed to traffic if it is not then we will return to the David Hume crossing mentioned earlier.  Parliament Square is a busy area – staff to help keep pupils together, especially when 'recreating the Tolbooth'  St Giles is a Church of Scotland church, still in active use, but we aren't there to follow any religious observance. There may be a ceremony happening, but our teaching is not religious.
Parliament Square to the <u>Mercat Cross</u>	We will leave St Giles and walk around the back of the Kirk. We'll look at the grave of John Knox before walking to the site of the Old <u>Mercat Cross</u> . Here we'll find out about the end of Mary's supporters in Scotland.

