



**MERCHANTS
TAVERN**

EDINBURGH

FOOD & DRINKS MENU

CELEBRATING THE MERCHANTS OF THE ROYAL MILE

Long before Edinburgh became Scotland's capital city, the Royal Mile was its beating commercial heart. Merchants from across Scotland and beyond gathered here to trade everything from wine and tobacco to textiles, spices and precious metals. The closes and wynds branching from the High Street bustled with activity as goods arrived from Europe, the Americas and the wider world. Wealthy merchants built fortunes, funded schools and charities, and helped shape the city we know today. Merchants Tavern celebrates these traders, entrepreneurs and characters whose stories are woven into the very stones of Edinburgh's Old Town.



GF = Gluten-Free
GF* = Gluten-Free On Request
V = Vegetarian
V* = Vegetarian On Request
VG = Vegan

Although all of our dishes are prepared with care and we offer full allergen information, we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes do not contain traces of other products as they are all prepared in the same kitchen. If you have any questions, please ask a member of our team who are all well-trained in allergens and dietary requirements.

We may add an optional 10% gratuity to your bill. 100% of this goes to our team as a thank you for the great service they provide. If we haven't met with your expectations, or you would like us to remove this for any reason - please let us know. No questions asked!

BREAKFAST



Served until 12pm

Full Scottish 15

Stornoway black pudding, smoked back bacon, Lorne sausage, pork link sausage, haggis, homemade tattie scone, fried eggs, baked beans, roasted tomato, mushrooms and toasted sourdough.

Vegan Scottish ^{VG} 12

Vegan haggis, vegan sausage, homemade tattie scone, baked beans, roasted tomato, mushrooms and toasted sourdough.

(Add fried eggs: free of charge)^v

Merchants 15

Butteries ^{MERCHANTS CHOICE}

Traditional Doric 'buttery' topped with poached egg and rich hollandaise, with your choice of smoked salmon or crispy smoked back bacon.

+ haggis 3

+ Stornoway black pudding 3

Scottish Smoked Salmon Scone 9

Freshly baked scone with Scottish smoked salmon and Black Crowdie – a smooth, creamy Scottish cheese rolled in crushed black peppercorns and toasted pinhead oatmeal.

Cream Tea Scone ^v 7

Freshly baked scone with raspberry jam and whipped raspberry dairy cream.

Morning Roll ^{v*} 8

Freshly baked morning roll with your choice of any 3 fillings: Stornoway black pudding, smoked back bacon, Lorne sausage, haggis, homemade tattie scone, fried egg, roast tomato, mushrooms, Applewood smoked cheddar.



WEE PLATES



Served from 12pm

Bread & Butter Board _v 6

Toasted sourdough and malted bloomer breads with two homemade butters: truffle & herb and smoked garlic.

Cullen Skink 9

Croquettes MERCHANTS CHOICE

North East smoked haddock, leek and tattie croquettes with smoked lemon mayo.

Haggis Tower 9

Stacked haggis, mashed tatties & roasted neeps finished with whisky sauce and crispy sweet potato shards. Veggie haggis available. v

Chicken Liver & Orange Pâté _{GF*} 9

Smooth chicken liver and orange pâté, pickled pink onions and your choice of Scottish oatcakes or toasted sourdough.

Stornoway Scallops 9

Roasted Stornoway black pudding topped with Scottish queen scallops, crispy bacon and pea purée.

Mushroom & Garlic Pâté _{VG, GF} 8

Smooth wild mushroom and roasted garlic pâté with pickled pink onions and your choice of Scottish oatcakes or toasted sourdough.

Loaded Tattie Scone MERCHANTS CHOICE 9

Warm homemade tattie scone topped with Stornoway black pudding, pickled pink onions, hot honey and Black Crowdie - a smooth, creamy Scottish cheese rolled in crushed black peppercorns and toasted pinhead oatmeal.

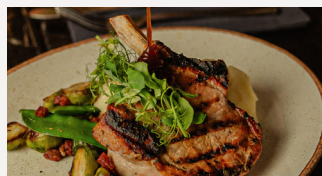
Scottish Salmon Mousse 9

Hot Scottish smoked salmon whipped mousse, served in a tart pastry case with pickled cucumber and dill.

Soup of the Day _{GF*} 7

Home-made soup served with toasted sourdough and your choice of truffle & herb or smoked garlic butter.





BIG PLATES



Served from 12pm

Proper Scottish Steak 25

Pie MERCHANTS CHOICE

Slow-braised Scottish beef in rich gravy baked in golden puff pastry, served with seasonal veg and your choice of buttery mash or skin-on chips.

Butternut Squash 18

Skirrie VG

Scottish oats, toasted and then cooked in veg broth, topped with roasted butternut squash chunks, butternut squash & sage purée and crispy sage.

Fish and Chips 26

Freshly landed North Sea haddock, beer battered and served with skin-on chips, crushed peas, tartare sauce and pickled pink onions.
+ bread & butter board 6

Pan-fried 25

Sea Bass GF MERCHANTS CHOICE

Pan-fried fillet of sea bass served with sautéed greens and crushed potatoes, finished with a lemon cream sauce.

Traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties 17

Scotland's signature dish! Haggis with buttery mashed tatties & roasted neeps, finished with rich whisky sauce and crispy sweet potato shards.

Charred Pork Chop 26

Bone-in chargrilled pork chop served with sautéed greens, crispy bacon lardons, buttery mash and apple gravy.
+ Stornoway black pudding 3

Balmoral Chicken 20

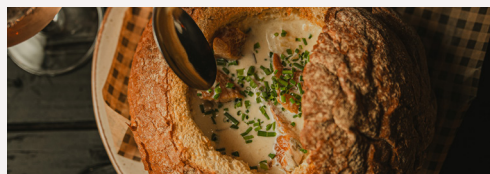
Chargrilled bone-in chicken breast filled with haggis and topped with crispy smoked bacon, served with buttery mash, seasonal veg and rich whisky sauce.

Cullen Skink 19

Traditional North-East smoked haddock and tattie chowder, served in its own bread bowl.

Merchant's Festive Burger 22

Breaded turkey escalope served on a toasted brioche bun with brie, cranberry sauce, crispy bacon, lettuce and tomato. Served with skin-on chips.



SIDE DISHES

Skin-on chips	GF, VG	6
Truffle & parmesan fries	GF, V	8
Buttery mash	GF, V	6
Mini kilned sausages		9
Brussels sprouts with bacon	GF	6
Crushed peas	GF, VG	5
Sautéed seasonal greens	GF, VG	6
Whisky sauce	GF, VG	2
Gravy	GF, VG	2
Sweet potato crisps	GF, VG	5



PUDDINGS



Served from 12pm

Merchants Tavern **14** Cheese Board _v

A selection of four Scottish cheeses with Scottish oatcakes, onion chutney and grapes.

Sticky Toffee Pudding _v **9**

Warm sticky toffee sponge with rich toffee sauce and Luca's vanilla ice cream.

Tipsy Laird V **11**



An old school Scottish take on trifle with whisky soaked sponge, strawberry jam and custard cream.

Black Forest Torte _{VG, GF} **9**

Dark chocolate and black cherry mousse on a crunchy cocoa base with sweet black cherry cream.

S. Luca's of Musselburgh **7** Ice Cream _v

Pick 3 scoops: Chocolate / strawberry / vanilla

Kahlua Creme Brulée _{VG, GF*} **11**

Set coffee custard topped with caramelised brown sugar for the ultimate sugary crack, served with shortbread.

THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT & COMMERCE

The wealth generated by Edinburgh's merchants helped fuel one of the most remarkable periods in Scottish history. During the 18th century, the city became a centre of learning, innovation and debate, producing influential thinkers such as Adam Smith and David Hume. Taverns, coffee houses and clubs became gathering places where merchants, writers, philosophers and entrepreneurs exchanged ideas. Trade and intellect flourished side by side, helping Edinburgh to thrive and earn the nickname "The Athens of the North."





SNACKS

Spicy & sweet nut mix	3.95
Smoky BBQ nut mix	3.95
Hickory smoked giant corn kernels	3.95
Real Handcooked Crisps	2.95

CANS

Leith Juice Session IPA 440ml 4.7% (gf) Campervan Brewery, Edinburgh	7.75
Leith Pils Scottish Lager 440ml 4.8% (gf) Campervan Brewery, Edinburgh	7.75
Extra Black Scottish Stout 440ml 4.5% (gf) Campervan Brewery, Edinburgh	7.95
Stewart's Lager 330ml 4% (gf) Stewart Brewing, Edinburgh	6.95
Hazy IPA 330ml 5% (gf) Stewart Brewing, Edinburgh	7.45
First World Problems Belgian IPA 330ml 6.2% Stewart Brewing, Edinburgh	7.45
Scot Free Lager 330ml 0.5% (gf) Stewart Brewing, Edinburgh	5.95
Guinness 0.0 440ml 0.0%, Dublin	7.25
Heineken 0.0 330ml 0.0%, Amsterdam	5.95

DRAUGHT

Maltsmiths Scottish Lager 4.6%	3.75 / 7.50
Birra Moretti 4.6%	3.90 / 7.75
Beavertown Neck Oil IPA 4.3%	4 / 7.95
Guinness 4.2%	3.90 / 7.75
Inch's Cider 4.5%	3.50 / 6.95

CIDER & MOONSHINE

Old Mout Berries & Cherries 500ml 4%	6.95
Old Mout Raspberry & Pineapple 500ml 4%	6.95
Old Mout Berries & Cherries 0.0 500ml 0%	5.95
Highland Moonshine Rawberry & Lemonade 330ml 5%	6.95
Highland Moonshine Kiwi, Watermelon & Lemonade 330ml 5%	7.45



COCKTAILS

Merchants Tavern Signatures

Raise a glass to some of the traders, pioneers and personalities who built Edinburgh's fortunes.

Waste Not Want Not 12.95

Inspired by James Gillespie

An Edinburgh tobacco and snuff merchant who rose from humble beginnings to great wealth. Known for his generosity in later life, his fortune helped establish one of the city's most famous charitable schools.

Smokehead Whisky, Cherry Heering, Cointreau, Pineapple, Lime, Tobacco Bitters, Soda.

Jinglin' Geordie 13.95

Inspired by George Heriot

Goldsmith to King James VI and one of Scotland's most successful merchants. His wealth funded George Heriot's School, and his habit of carrying jingling pockets full of gold earned him the nickname "Jinglin' Geordie"

Johnnie Walker Black, Lime, Sugar, Gold Flakes.

Burgess of the Close 11.95

Inspired by Mary King

A respected Edinburgh businesswoman and burgess who lived and traded on the close that now bears her name. Her story remains woven into the fabric and folklore of the Old Town.

Ketel One Vodka, Edinburgh Gin Raspberry Liqueur, Calvados, Pomegranate, Balsamic, Sugar, Raspberries.

Merchant Maiden 11.95

Inspired by Mary Erskine

A pioneering Edinburgh entrepreneur and philanthropist. Through successful business ventures and wise investments, she helped establish educational opportunities for generations of young women.

Ben Lomond Raspberry & Elderflower Gin, Edinburgh Gin Elderflower Liqueur, Creme de Cassis, Lemon.

Coco-Nit 11.95

Inspired by Coconut Tam

One of Edinburgh's most colourful street merchants, famed for selling coconuts from a barrow through the city's streets. His larger-than-life character made him a local legend.

Koko Kanu Coconut Rum, Cointreau, Orgeat, Pineapple, Passionfruit, Lime.

The Spirited Child 13.95

Inspired by Indian Pete

A beloved Edinburgh street trader who sold sweets and treats to generations of children. His distinctive appearance and warm personality made him one of the city's most recognisable characters.

Reaper's Rum Spiced, Tia Maria, Espresso, Sugar.

Riches to Rags 13.95

Inspired by Sir William Dick of Braid

Once regarded as one of Scotland's wealthiest merchants, building his fortune through trade and lending. Despite immense success, financial misfortune eventually saw him lose almost everything.

Edinburgh Gin Classic, Campari, Martini Rosso.

The Easy Club 12.95

Inspired by Allan Ramsay

Poet, bookseller and entrepreneur, Allan Ramsay was a key figure of the Scottish Enlightenment. He founded Edinburgh's famous Easy Club, a gathering place for ideas, conversation and creativity.

Vespero, Cointreau, Grapefruit, Sage, Lime.



COCKTAILS

The Classics

Rum Old Fashioned 12.45

Reaper's Rum 'The Fool', Sugar, Bitters, Orange Peel.

Espresso Martini 12.95

Arbikie Scottish Vodka, Tia Maria, Espresso, Sugar.

L'Ecosse Martini 11.95

Reaper's Rum 'The Lovers', Chambord, Pineapple.

Brandy Snap 12.95

Courvoisier, Absolut Vanilla, Golden Syrup, Cinnamon, Apple, Angostura Bitters, Orange Bitters.

Rawberry Spritz 10.95

Highland Moon Rawberry Moonshine, Strawberry, Prosecco, Soda.

Hugo Spritz 11.95

Edinburgh Gin Elderflower, Prosecco, Soda.

Aperol Spritz 11.95

Aperol, Prosecco, Soda.

Terry's Russian 12.95

Glavya, Tia Maria, Milk, Cream, Chocolate.

Passionberry Fizz 11.95

Gordon's Gin, Passoa, Apple, Strawberry, Lemonade

N/A Berry Spritz 8.95

Raspberry, Strawberry, Apple, Soda.

Mistletoe Mule 12.95

Smirnoff Vodka, Cranberry, Lime, Cranberry Bitters, Ginger Beer.



WINE



White

	175ml	250ml	Bottle
Chardonnay - Red Rock, Australia	6.45	8.95	26.75
Sauvignon Blanc - Avenda, Chile	6.75	9.45	28.25
Pinot Grigio - Almorano, Italy,	6.85	9.75	29.25
Chenin Blanc / Viognier - Mooiplass The Peach, South Africa	7.55	10.75	32.25
Albarino - Sillages, France	-	-	38.95

Red

	175ml	250ml	Bottle
Shiraz - Jacobite Ridge, Australia	6.45	8.95	26.75
Merlot - Senora Rosa, Chile	6.75	9.45	28.25
Pinot Noir - Pernitza, Romania	7.45	10.45	31.25
Romania Rioja - Vina Amate, Spain	7.95	10.75	32.25
Cabernet Sauvignon - Franschoek Cellar The Churchyard, South Africa	-	-	36.95

Rose

	175ml	250ml	Bottle
Pinot Grigio Blush - Delle Venezie Doc Rosato, Italy	7.25	10.45	31.25
Chateau Routas Rosé - Coteaux Varois, France	-	-	36.95

Sparkling

	125ml	Bottle
Vita Amica Prosecco - Italy	7.95	33.45
Spumante Barocco Rosé Prosecco - Italy	-	35.95



WHISKY

Campbeltown

Recommended for: Guests who enjoy robust whiskies with a touch of sea salt and spice.

Scotland's smallest whisky region. Once the whisky capital of the world, Campbeltown produces rich, maritime drams with a distinctive coastal character.

Glen Scotia Double Cask, 46% - Spicy fruit, vanilla	12.95
Kilkerran 12, 46% - Lemon cheesecake, vanilla, butterscotch	10.45

Highlands

Recommended for: First-time whisky drinkers and those who enjoy honey, fruit and gentle spice.

The largest and most diverse whisky region in Scotland. Highland malts range from light and floral to rich and full-bodied, making this the perfect place to start whisky journey.

Glenmorangie 10, 40% - Smooth, delicate, honey, almonds	8.95
Dalmore 12, 40% - Marmalade, winter spice, fruit cake	10.95
Loch Lomond 12, 46% - Green apple, ripe pear, citrus	11.25
Old Pultney 12, 40% - Honey, cream, salt, spice	10.45
Dalwhinnie 15, 43% - Heather honey, creamy vanilla, orchard fruits	11.45
Glenogyne 12, 43% - Toffee, cinnamon, ginger	9.45
Arbikie The Peated Rye, 48% - Salted caramel, dark chocolate, spicy rye	9.45

Islands

Recommended for: Guests looking for a balance between sweet and smoky flavours.

Made on Scotland's windswept islands, these whiskies often carry hints of sea spray, heather and soft smoke, reflecting their coastal origins.

Highland Park 12, 40% - Jasmine, green tea, heather, orange	9.45
Isle of Jura 12, 40% - Barley fudge, aniseed	9.45
Talisker 10, 43% - Smoke, peppery heat	9.95
Tobermory 12, 46.3% - Orange, fresh orchard fruits, vanilla toffee	10.45
Isle of Raasay 12, 46.4% - Dark caramel, black cherries, peaty smoke	11.25
The Hearach, 46% - Crisp apple, Scottish tablet, clotted cream, peaty smoke	11.25

Islay

Recommended for: Adventurous drinkers and lovers of smoke, bonfires and maritime flavours.

Famous around the world for intensely smoky and peaty whiskies. The island's rugged coastline and traditional production methods create some of Scotland's boldest drams.

Laphroaig 10, 40% - Seaweed, vanilla, black pepper	9.45
Bunnahabhain 12, 46.3% - Sultanas, caramel, sea salt	9.95
Ardbeg 10, 46% - Smoke, oak, salted toffee	10.45
Bruichladdich Classic Laddie, 50% - Green fruit, brown sugar, sweet malt	9.95
Caol Ila 12, 43% - Smoke, herbs, pepper	10.45
Smokehead, 43% - Smoke, fruit, sherry, sultanas	10.45



WHISKY

Lowlands

Recommended for: Those new to whisky or who prefer lighter spirits.

Traditionally known for lighter, smoother whiskies with delicate floral and citrus notes. An approachable style that showcases elegance and subtlety.

Glenkinchie 12, 43% - Almonds, apple peel, herbs	8.95
1770 Glasgow, 43% - Dark fruits, tropical fruits, oak	9.95
Auchentoshan American Oak, 40% - Toasted almonds, caramelised toffee	8.95
Bonnington Sherry Cask, 47% - Red berries, strawberry bubblegum, drying oak	9.95
Lochlea Our Barley, 46% - Golden syrup, cracked pepper, macadamia nuts	10.25

Speyside

Recommended for: Guests who enjoy sweeter, fruit-forward whiskies.

Home to more distilleries than any other whisky region. Speyside whiskies are renowned for their smooth, approachable character, often featuring notes of honey, orchard fruits and rich sherry sweetness.

Balvenie Doublewood, 40% - Malty honey, nuts, cinnamon, nutmeg	12.45
Balvenie 14 Caribbean Cask, 43% - Rum cask, toffee, fruit, vanilla	12.45
Glenfiddich 12, 40% - Butterscotch, toffee, gentle oak	8.95
Glenfiddich Solera 15, 40% - Sherry oak, marzipan, cinnamon	19.95
Macallan Double Cask 12, 40% - Butterscotch, toffee apple, sweet raisins	12.45
Macallan Double Cask 18, 43% - Sultanias, caramel, spices	27.95
Glenfarclas 10, 40% - Sweet sherry, dried fruits, winter spices	10.45

Blends

Recommended for: Guests seeking a well-balanced dram and an introduction to some of Scotland's most celebrated whiskies.

Created by combining malt and grain whiskies from across Scotland, blended whiskies are crafted for balance, consistency and approachability. They have introduced generations of drinkers to the world of Scotch whisky and remain some of the best-selling whiskies in the world.

Johnnie Walker Red, 40%
Johnnie Walker Black, 40%
Famous Grouse, 40%
Monkey Shoulder, 40%



6.25
7.45
4.95
7.25





SPIRITS & LIQUEURS

Vodka

Smirnoff Red	5.75
Ketel One	6.25
Grey Goose	7.25
Arbikie	5.95
Tenth x Muse Barley Vodka	7.75

Rum

Captain Morgans Spiced	5.95
Lang's Spiced	6.25
Lang's Pineapple	6.25
Reaper's Rum Spiced	6.25
Reaper's Rum Lovers	6.25
Reaper's Rum The Fool	6.25
Bacardi	5.45
Kraken	6.25
Koko Kanu	6.25

Gin

Gordon's Gin	5.95
Gordon's Pink	5.95
Gordons's 0%	4.95
Hendricks	6.75
Edinburgh Gin Classic	6.75
Edinburgh Rhubarb & Ginger	6.75
Edinburgh Gin Raspberry Liqueur	5.95
Edinburgh Gin Elderflower Liqueur	5.95
Rock Rose	7.25
Leith Gin	7.45
Eden Mill	5.95
Ben Lomond Original	5.95
Ben Lomond Raspberry & Elderflower	5.95
Ben Lomond Blackberry & Gooseberry	5.95



SOFT DRINKS

Coca Cola	sml 3.45 / lrg 4.25
Coke Zero	sml 3.45 / lrg 4.25
Lemonade	sml 3.45 / lrg 4.25
Fever Tree Tonic, 200ml	3.45
Fever Tree Light Tonic, 200ml	3.45
Fever Tree Ginger Ale, 200ml	3.45
Old Jamaica Ginger Beer, 330ml	3.95
Irn Bru, 330ml	3.75
Irn Bru Sugar Free, 330ml	3.75
Coca Cola, 330ml	3.75
Coke Zero, 330ml	3.75
Fanta, 330ml	3.75

HOT DRINKS

Espresso	3.95
Americano	4.75
Cappuccino	4.95
Flat White	4.95
Latte	4.95
Mocha	5.75
Hot Chocolate	5.95
Breakfast Tea	4.75
Herbal Tea - Green, Peppermint	

THE MERCAT CROSS: EDINBURGH'S ORIGINAL MEETING PLACE

Just a short walk from Merchants Tavern stands the Mercat Cross, the historic heart of Edinburgh's marketplace. For centuries, merchants gathered here to trade goods, strike deals and exchange news from across Scotland and beyond, while royal proclamations were announced from its platform.

Long before modern communication, the Cross was where Edinburgh came to learn what was happening in the city and the wider world. It was a place of commerce, conversation and opportunity, where fortunes were made and partnerships forged.

Many of the merchants and characters celebrated throughout this menu would have known the Mercat Cross well. Today, it remains a powerful symbol of Edinburgh's rich mercantile heritage and the people who helped shape Scotland's capital.





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