

Places to eat within walking distance of the Balmoral Guesthouse

The Balmoral is on Pilrig Street and two minutes walk from Leith Walk. Leith Walk is one of the longest streets in Edinburgh. It stretches from "the Foot of the Walk" in Leith up to the east end of Princes Street. Confusingly, from Pilrig Street upwards, each block of buildings has a different title, namely Crighton Place, Middlefield, Albert Place, Croall Place, Haddington Place, Brunswick Place, Antigua Street, Union Place, Greenside Place and Leith Street. Locally, though, we all refer to the thoroughfare as Leith Walk (A900). Leith Walk used to be famous for having the most pubs in the one street, now it's famous for its fantastic eateries.

Here are just a few places within walking distance from the Balmoral:

The Windsor Buffet (a nice traditional pub, no food, but quiet and chilled): "Nice atmosphere and friendly bar staff, still retains the character of a traditional bar with the added bonus of decent real ale. Worth a trip down to Leith Walk."

Bodega – Mexican street food fusion, vegetarian friendly. "Fantastic food, good atmosphere - with only a handful of tables. BYOB is a bonus. Food tasted fresh and extremely tasty."

Pomegranate – middle eastern, lebanese, turkish: "I had the vegetable kebab followed by rose ice cream and both were absolutely delicious. Lovely atmosphere with friendly and helpful staff. The best meal I've had in a long time. An excellent first impression and I will certainly return to this restaurant. Highly recommend!"

The Walnut is a small, friendly Scottish (fusion) restaurant, run by husband and wife team. It offers, freshly cooked, delicious food at great value. Booking is always recommended.

Casa Amiga (Portuguese cafe). "A firm favourite on any visit to Leith Walk. Walk through the door and you feel like you're in Portugal. Authentic tastes, lovely coffee, welcoming atmosphere. And of course, the Portuguese custard tarts!"

Large Tesco supermarket at the foot of the walk.

Origano (Italian) – "One of the best meals out I've had. It is a lovely restaurant, beautifully decorated and the pizza is first rate."

Colonial House-Edinburgh – "We visited Edinburgh for my birthday weekend. It was a great sunny day so we decided to take a walk around beautiful city. We get lost a bit which was a huge bonus because we found this amazing place ... Very special!"

La Favorita (Italian) – "I'm a sucker for a good Italian restaurant and I would have stayed in La Favorita all night if they hadn't needed the table back."

Robbie's Bar – "This is a nice welcoming bar. The barman was really friendly and helped with the decision of what beer to have. Full of locals. A real nice old school bar."

Bier Hoose – Good range of German and Belgian beers.

The Yellow Bench (Polish) – "what a great wee place!! service spot on and the food, wow!!! all the flavours and size of the portions, just amazing!! would recommend to anyone who would like to try some good old school polish cuisine :)"

If you like cakes, the best patisserie in Edinburgh is just round the corner in Albert Street: the Sicilian Pastry Shop.

If you like Indian food, Rivage on Easter Road is one of our favourites. Rivage is 15 min walk away from the Balmoral, and five minutes off Leith Walk, on Easter Road. It is an unassuming but well worth a visit. It is run by another husband and wife team, Catherine and Riad. They offer delicious Indian-cum-Mauritius food at exceptional value. It can take a while for the food to arrive so its best not to be in a hurry but it is always worth the wait.

The Black Fox – (Good bar food, vegetarian friendly) "Nice Burgers, nice Drinks, friendly you get many cocktails and drinks, so it's even nice to stay after dinner!"

Word of Mouth Café (European Scottish) – "The food was very nice and service was good, just not a huge amount of space between the tables..."

Pera - Turkish Mangal and Mezze Bar (very small) "Great authentic Turkish food (I had the Pistachio encrusted lamb, which was fantastic!) backed up by great service and tastefully decorated surroundings. Its become a firm favourite for myself and my friends."

Joseph Pearce – "I regularly go to Joseph Pearce for food and drinks and it never disappoints. Delicious food, fab service and great cocktails."

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