

Escape room activity

Scotland – an exciting place packed with myths and legends just waiting to be discovered

Imagine you are on a class trip in Edinburgh exploring the capital and its many legendary tales and mythological stories.

In your lessons you have heard a lot about urban legends, mythological creatures, and ghost stories, and now you are planning a trip to experience everything for yourselves.

Today you are going to dive into the underworld of Edinburgh with your class. Opposite the Mercat Cross and St Giles Cathedral on the Royal Mile, you'll find the entrance to Mary King's Close. This is where your tour guide is waiting for you.

Beyond the entrance lies the 17th-century Underworld buried deep beneath the Old Town of Edinburgh. The Underworld is a subterranean maze of chambers filled with stories of strange happenings, spooky events and eerie hauntings.

As your tour guide takes you down the dark and narrow passageways you learn that this was the location of one of Edinburgh's many slums. In 1645 as the plague ravaged much of Europe - the Underworld became the perfect place for disease.

People have claimed to see the spirit of 'Wee Annie', a child who lost her life after having plague symptoms. She's said to haunt the Underworld looking for her parents.

Today, you can explore Annie's room which is now filled with piles of dolls left by other tourists over the years. If you're a ghost-hunter at heart, a visit to Edinburgh's unforgettable Underworld is a must! Now you've reached Annie's room. How spooky!!! Very dark and strange noises!!! Is this her ghost still haunting? While exploring Annie's room and the many dolls the door suddenly closes with a big bang and your tour guide is gone. How to escape this mysterious room? A big lock with four digits is hanging on a chain in front of the exit. Solve the mystery and find the four digits to open the lock and find your way out!!!

You have 90 minutes to find the four digits. Only your friends can help you. Your conversation needs to be in English. Whenever you speak German the time to find the code will be reduced by one minute for your group.

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