



A **DEFINITIVE** **GUIDE**

SCHOOL GROUP ACCOMMODATION

EURO HOSTEL

Get a room at
eurohostels.co.uk

GROUP ACCOMMODATION IS A BIG FACTOR WHEN ORGANISING A SCHOOL TRIP

We understand that researching for a place to stay on your school trip can take hours or even days out of your week. There's lots to consider.

So, we've done all the research and put it together in one place to help you choose the right school group accommodation.

CONTENTS



CHAPTER 1 **SECURITY**

PAGE 04



CHAPTER 2 **EDUCATION**

PAGE 06



CHAPTER 3 **COST**

PAGE 08



CHAPTER 4 **FACILITIES**

PAGE 10



CHAPTER 5 **LOCATIONS**

PAGE 12



CHAPTER 1

SECURITY

FINDING SCHOOL GROUP ACCOMMODATION THAT'S SAFE AND RELIABLE IS TOP OF YOUR PRIORITY LIST AS A TEACHER OR GROUP LEADER.

You need to relax in the comfort of knowing that every one of your children are safe and sound at all times of the day and night.

There are several things that a school trip organiser should be looking for when choosing where to stay. It's the little things that make a big difference when it comes to your children's safety and your peace of mind.

Is there CCTV on site? Does the accommodation have electronic key card access to the rooms? Is a 24-hour reception with access to a first aid kit provided?

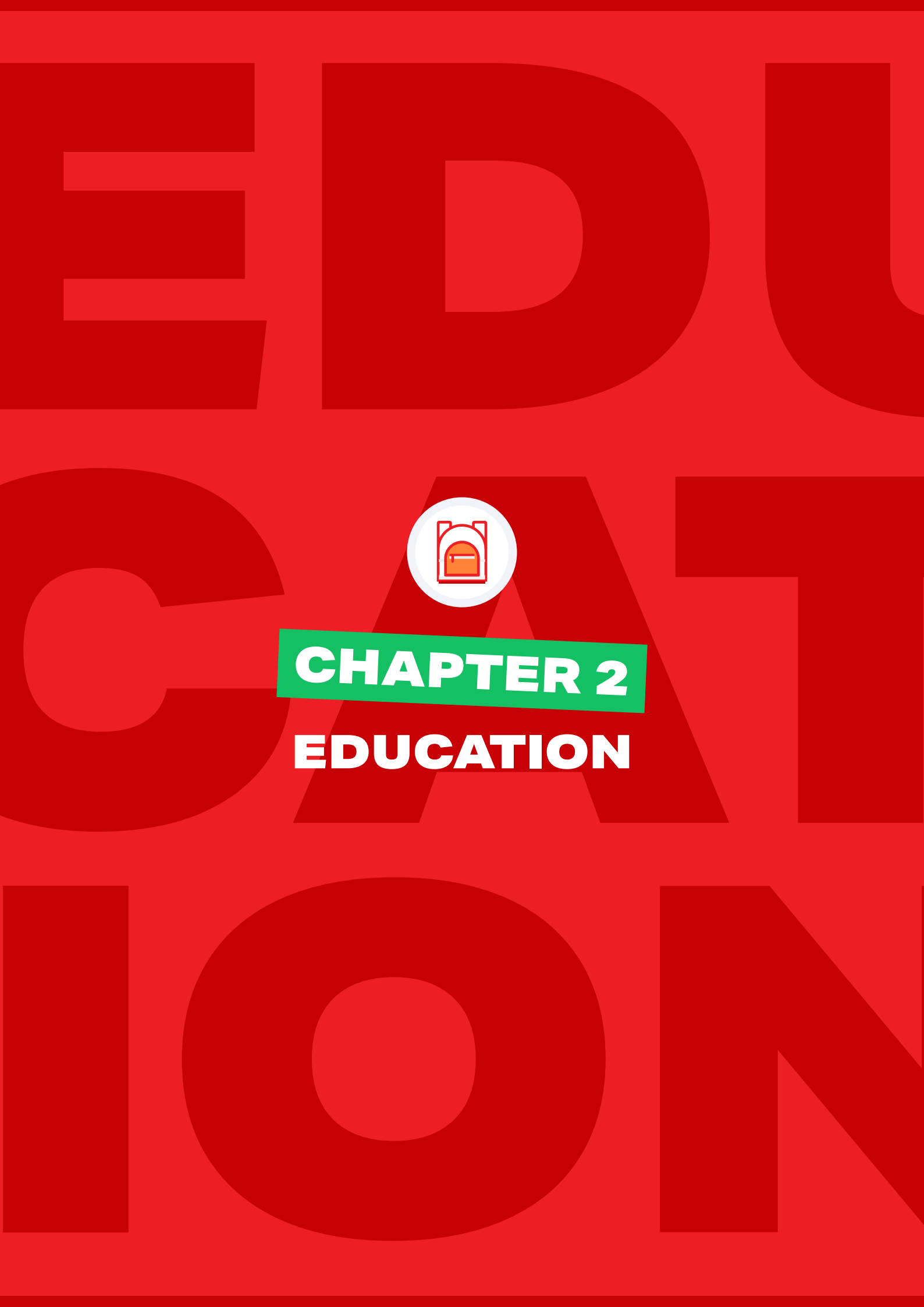
We all know that things never go wrong at the right time.

As for luggage, it'll be essential to pick accommodation with secure storage that you don't have to think twice about while you're out and about during the day.

We all plan ahead, but something or someone will always stray from the plan.

You'll need friendly, understanding and available staff members to assist you and the young people in your care.

"WHEREVER WE STAY HAS TO TAKE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE IN OUR GROUP AS SERIOUSLY AS WE DO."



CHAPTER 2
EDUCATION

LET'S FACE IT, SCHOOL TRIPS ARE A TOTAL TREAT FOR KIDS.

Not only are they released from the constraints of the classroom, but they also get a taste of freedom - with their friends and without the ever-watching eye of their parents.

So, you'll want to stay in a fun, vibrant environment with plenty to do. However, picking a location that's perfect for its educational hotspots is key. We understand that not only do you want a place that's got enough activities to keep the children entertained – you will have your curriculum in mind too.

The location you decide on will also need to give your school group a fulfilling learning experience.

And it's worth remembering that the great outdoors is often the best classroom.

As a group leader, the educational value of the location you choose will - of course - be as important as how much fun they can have.

For Science trips, you may be looking for zoos, wildlife centres or National Parks. For Art trips, you'll need to research the surrounding area's galleries and museums. For English or History trips - theatres, castles and local landmarks will give children an experience that will bring their classroom teaching to life.

"WE ALWAYS HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL ELEMENT TO EVERY TRIP WE GO ON. KEEPING EVERYONE INTERESTED IS A BIG CHALLENGE."



CHAPTER 3

COST

COST WILL, OF COURSE, BE A FACTOR. GOING ANYWHERE TOGETHER AS A LARGE GROUP IS GOING TO SEEM LIKE A DAUNTINGLY EXPENSIVE EXERCISE.

There's also the children's parents to consider. So, value for money is going to be as important as picking the right location.

School group accommodation doesn't have to be expensive.

These days, many of the world's coolest places to stay in top cities are hostels. With choice, comfort, cleanliness and reliability at cheaper options, you can't go wrong with a good quality hostel in city-centre locations.

The old vision of being crammed into communal rooms is no more. These days, school groups can have their own private en-suite dorms at budget-friendly prices.

City accommodation is invariably pricey, so reliable hostels are perfect for large numbers of guests who want to save their money for sightseeing and fun group activities.

"A HOSTEL FOR SCHOOL TRIPS IS THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR LOW BUDGET ACCOMMODATION THAT OFFERS A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO GUESTS OF ALL AGES."



CHAPTER 4

FACILITIES

ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR WITH SCHOOL GROUP ACCOMMODATION IS THE FACILITIES.

Good quality facilities that cover all bases are going to give school trip organisers peace of mind.

You'll need to safely store the children's possessions, consider meal options and provide essentials such as towels - if they aren't already included.

There's always going to be at least one person who doesn't eat at breakfast time or doesn't like what they've got in their packed lunch. So, a vending machine for snacks and drinks will prove very useful.

Facilities for disabled guests are just as important as the simple things like Wi-Fi, linen, laundry, hairdryers,

towel hire and toilets that are easily found and accessible for students of all ages and needs.

As long as you pick accommodation that thinks big about the basics, you'll be able to focus on your school group enjoying themselves – rather than spending your time worrying about the little things.

Room choices that suit both students and teachers are vital, so for course leaders, booking a private, en-suite room adjacent to their group is going to provide comfort as well as reassurance.

And if you find somewhere that can plan everything from your packed lunches to your tour itinerary, then you'll have more time to relax and enjoy the trip.

"WE NEED FACILITIES THAT CATER FOR OUR NEEDS, FROM LINEN, TO ACCESS TO WI-FI."



CHAPTER 5

LOCATIONS

LOCATION IS EVERYTHING.

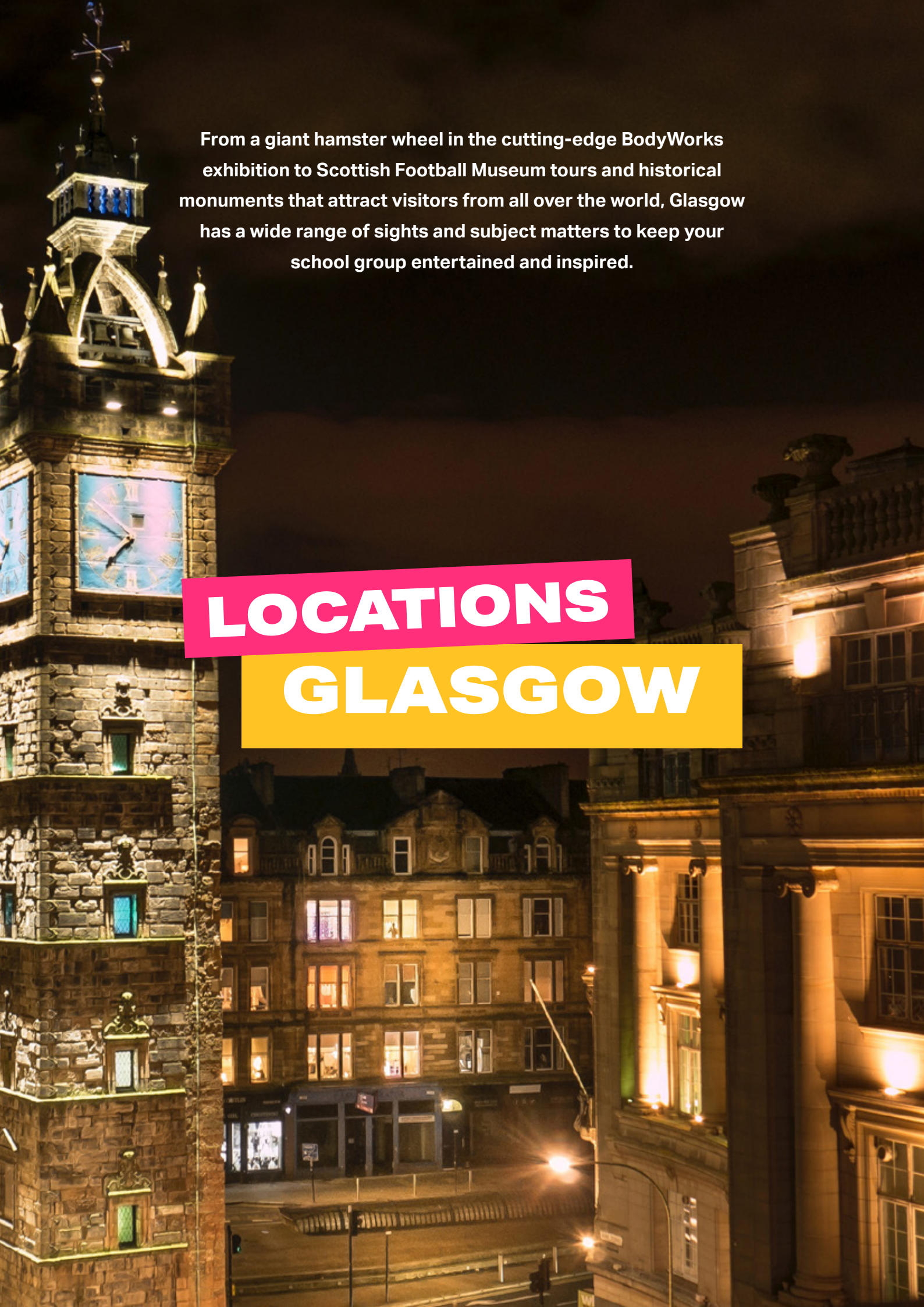
Whether you're looking to plan a science trip, art venture or sports group tour, we can give you the information you need.

As well as being close to transport links, it'll be important to choose a hostel location that's within walking distance of key local attractions, shops and activities. Keeping your school group occupied

and energised will be vital. So, long and tricky treks between sights will be a no-no.

Euro Hostel is located in a number of cities. Each city has its own selection of sights, activities and fun things to do for school trips – no matter the age-group or subject matter.

"WE NEED A CENTRAL LOCATION SO IT'S EASY FOR US TO GET LOTS OF STUDENTS FROM A TO B, QUICKLY AND SAFELY. BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED ALSO MEANS THAT MOST PLACES OF INTEREST ARE NEARBY."



From a giant hamster wheel in the cutting-edge BodyWorks exhibition to Scottish Football Museum tours and historical monuments that attract visitors from all over the world, Glasgow has a wide range of sights and subject matters to keep your school group entertained and inspired.

LOCATIONS

GLASGOW

LOCATIONS

GLASGOW

EURO HOSTEL GLASGOW IS LOCATED RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY CENTRE. HERE ARE SOME GREAT PLACES TO VISIT:



BOTANIC GARDENS:

17 MINUTES VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GALLERY OF MODERN ART:

8 MINUTE WALK

SCIENCE CENTRE:

16 MINUTES VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL MUSEUM:

19 MINUTES VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL:

17 MINUTES VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

RIVERSIDE MUSEUM:

22 MINUTES VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LOCATIONS

GLASGOW

CITY-CENTRE SIGHTS

The Glasgow Science Centre is only 1.5 miles away from Glasgow Euro Hostel. School groups will be in their element here, where they can immerse themselves in interactive science shows, get involved in workshops and challenge their bodies as well as their minds in one of the world's best planetariums.

The Glasgow Science Centre has everything to keep them (and you!) entertained, from a giant hamster wheel in the cutting-edge BodyWorks exhibition to Scotland's biggest IMAX Cinema. Educational 3D films show throughout the day and include Under the Sea, To the Arctic and A Beautiful Planet.

The Scottish Football Museum stadium tour allows visitors to experience the underground roadway, team changing rooms and walk down the tunnel of Hampden Park. Guests also get the chance to strike a ball in the Hampden Hotshots gallery and have the shot speed electronically measured. We can guarantee this will spark enough competitive energy to keep the kids entertained for hours – and quite possibly the adults, too!

If it's outdoor adventures you're after, Glasgow Botanic Gardens is renowned for its tropical plant collections and architecturally impressive glasshouses – the most

famous of which is Kibble Palace. Or if the sunshine can't be guaranteed for the time of year that you're planning your school trip, the Loch Lomond Aquarium is home to the largest collection of sharks in Scotland, the only Cow Nose Rays in Scotland and family favourites - otters Lily, Pickle and Cub. Chat with our friendly team at Glasgow Euro Hostel to figure out your best route for the day.

For historical sights, The Glasgow Necropolis attracts visitors from all over the world. While just a 12 minute walk from Euro Hostel Glasgow, George Square is home to historical buildings and an important collection of statues and monuments.

Daily tours of the Glasgow City Chambers take place here between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Art students will revel in Kelvingrove's 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries and 8,000 objects on display. One thing's for sure, you'll never be struggling for itinerary ideas with a school trip to Glasgow. If you need some inspiration, our [Top Attractions in Glasgow 2018](#) website article is full of pre-trip research.

If you'd like some help cramming in all the sights, chat to our trustworthy team who are available 24/7 at reception. Not only are they locals themselves, they can provide a cracking tour booking service.

SCHOOL TRIPS IN AND AROUND GLASGOW

Did you know that Scotland is home to the longest indoor real snow slope in the UK?! Snow Factor is open all year round and has dedicated teaching for snowboarding as well as skiing and an instruction slope for all ages and abilities.

From 'bear cubs' to 'snow leopards', private lessons are available as one-to-ones or for groups from 4 years old to 13+. What's more, the venue has sledging, giant indoor ice climbing walls, and a Bavarian themed restaurant with sharing platters that pack in three types of gourmet sausage, guaranteed to warm your school group right up.

Mini scientists can marvel at monkeys, marmosets, parrots, snakes, frogs, tarantulas, butterflies and more at Scotland's indoor tropical rainforest, Amazonia. An array of events take place every day, which include feeding and animal talks, as well as handling sessions.

Amazonia offer educational packages suitable for all age groups from nursery to high school. Tours and handling sessions can be tailored to specific topics and individual needs, including the rainforest, senses, classification, minibeasts and life cycles. Teacher resource packs are also available for each topic, containing activity suggestions for before and after your visit.

Whether they're being digitally transported from the Amazonia Interactive area into the Amazon rainforest, or sneaking a peak at bats, kinkajou, snakes, frogs and fish in the nocturnal area – this is a school trip your group won't want to miss out on.

Heads of Ayr Farm Park gives your school group the opportunity to captain their own bumper boat, man an electric tractor, master a quad bike, tackle an assault course or test their thrill levels on three giant drop slides in the adventure barn. As for the animals, there's everything from little critters to large creatures including Ralph the Camel, Troy the Tapir, llamas, ponies, donkeys and goats. The Park is also home to various breeds of monkeys, lemurs and meerkats!

Engineers in the making will love Riverside Museum – Glasgow's award-winning transport museum. Free to enter and explore, Glasgow's newest museum contains a collection of the world's finest cars and bicycles and won the European Museum of the Year award in 2013. With over 90 large touch screen panels telling the stories behind the 3,000 objects on display, there's everything from skateboards to a Stormtrooper. The museum is open from 10am-5pm and group tours can be booked through the website.

If you'd like some help cramming in all the sights, chat to our trustworthy team who are available 24/7 at reception. Not only are they locals themselves, they can provide a cracking tour booking service.

LOCATIONS

GLASGOW

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2 minutes from Euro Hostel, Glasgow's first live escape game is great for teambuilding with a twist.

Designed for groups of 2-6 or up to 10 in the Witchcraft & Wizardry rooms and with 6 rooms in total, Escape can accommodate teams of up to 34 in total.

To beat the live escape game, you and your team must solve many puzzles, riddles, brain teasers and identify clues. Make sure that you set some brain power aside for this one!

Glasgow Quay is walking distance from the Hostel and has a cinema, Hollywood Bowl and a tonne of eateries.

GROUP ROOM OPTIONS

At Euro Hostel Glasgow, school groups have a wide choice of room options from single private rooms. All the way up to a dorm of 14 – each with their own en-suite and large smart TV, perfect for some downtime before or after exploring the city.

For a touch of luxury, our exclusive VIP suites are just the thing to make your group stay remarkable. Our suites give your group a massive space that includes multiple toilets and changing areas as well as coming complete with your very own private lounge plus access to our Secret Garden – great for group activities or just getting together after a day of sightseeing. Suites range from rooms that sleep 6-20 people, giving your school group the full VVIP experience at extremely competitive rates in the heart of Glasgow.



"BREAKFAST NEEDS TO BE A QUICK AND SIMPLE TASK, A GRAB-AND-GO BAG WITH A JUICE AND A SNACK WOULD BE IDEAL TO AVOID THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF A BREAKFAST ROOM."

LOCATIONS

GLASGOW

GROUP CATERING OPTIONS

Our Mint & Lime Restaurant is the perfect place for some food and relaxation after a busy day exploring Glasgow and is ideal for group dining.

To prepare for the busy day ahead we can offer an all-you-can-eat hot buffet brekkie from 07:00-10:00 for just £5 each.

We can also arrange meals in advance so everything is taken care of before your arrival. If a takeaway snack is all you need to make sure you get to your tour on time, that's fine too - simply help yourself to our full self-service kitchen.


SCHOOL GROUP FACILITIES

Euro Hostel Glasgow provides everything school groups need for a secure and comfortable stay with us.

Facilities include bike storage, superfast unlimited free Wi-Fi, luggage storage, lockers and electronic key card access. Plus, late check-out and early check-in, 'cos let's face it – it's rare that plans go to plan. Towels are provided in private rooms so there's no need for you to bring your own.

DID YOU KNOW?

ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA, THE WORLD'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH WAS HELD IN 1872 AT THE WEST OF SCOTLAND CRICKET CLUB'S HAMILTON CRESCENT GROUND IN THE PARTICK AREA OF THE CITY. THE MATCH, BETWEEN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND FINISHED 0-0.

A scenic view of the Edinburgh skyline at sunset. The image shows the city's architecture, including the prominent clock tower of Broughton House on the left and the spire of St. Giles' Cathedral in the center. The foreground is filled with the silhouettes of trees, and the sky is a warm, golden-orange color. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

Euro Hostel Edinburgh Halls will be your ultimate place to be to soak up the selection of summer events on offer. Many of the attractions in Edinburgh will offer school group visits all year round, including private tours and discounted group admission rates. Open from June to August, Euro Hostel Edinburgh Halls will be the perfect base for some sunny, outdoor learning – whatever the subject matter.

LOCATIONS

EDINBURGH

LOCATIONS

EDINBURGH

EURO HOSTEL EDINBURGH HALLS IS LOCATED RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY CENTRE. HERE ARE SOME GREAT PLACES TO VISIT:



EDINBURGH CASTLE:

8 MINUTE WALK

DYNAMIC EARTH:

15 MINUTE WALK

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND:

3 MINUTE WALK

EDINBURGH ZOO:

32 MINUTES BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

THE REAL MARY KING'S CLOSE:

4 MINUTE WALK

ROYAL MILE:

6 MINUTE WALK

LOCATIONS

EDINBURGH

CITY-CENTRE SIGHTS

There are many galleries and museums for aspiring artists, as well as the must-see Edinburgh Castle and dungeons for mini historians and Edinburgh Zoo, Deep Sea World, Dynamic Earth and Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect World for young scientists and geography enthusiasts.

Edinburgh Zoo is accessible by bus, which runs every 10 minutes from South Bridge, just a 3 minute walk from the hostel. Even more reason to visit the Giant Panda Exhibit, Penguins Rock and wee beasties. We can guarantee that the Blue Poison Arrow Frogs will put a smile on your kids' faces!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE ROYAL MILE MEASURES 1.81KM, ROUGHLY 1 SCOTS MILE LONG, LONGER THAN AN ENGLISH MILE BUT HASN'T BEEN USED SINCE THE 18TH CENTURY.

SCHOOL TRIPS IN AND AROUND EDINBURGH

The award-winning Portobello Beach is just a few miles from Edinburgh city-centre and is famous for hosting international volleyball competitions and triathlon event as well as kayaking and a community-ran coastal rowing club.

An independent town until 1896, Portobello retains its unique character and sense of identity. School trips can enjoy the Victorian swimming pool, which features an original Aerotone and Turkish baths. Follow the Water of Leith on the hidden 12 mile walkway through the heart of Edinburgh, where experiential learning opportunities and popular interactive river exhibitions are held which include river dipping, sensory and discover walks, shadow pupper art workshops and drama activity trails.

Just a 15 minute walk from Euro Hostel Edinburgh Halls, Hollyrood palace offers a range of interactive workshops, tours, learning activities within the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh. Bring history to life exploring the Palace's close associations with some of Scotland's most well-known historic figures such as Mary, Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie.

LOCATIONS

EDINBURGH

GROUP ROOM OPTIONS

During the busy Festival period, Euro Hostel Edinburgh Halls can offer you choice and comfort at budget-friendly prices.

We have private apartments from small groups of 3 right up to school groups of 12. All our rooms are private, lockable, modern and clean – ideal for privacy, security and keeping your group within the same block. Our large reception area or courtyard can be used to gather before your trip or to re-convene afterwards.

For creating your own packed lunches or evening meals, each apartment kitchen comes fully equipped with utensils, pots, pans, crockery and cutlery at no extra cost. Or, we can happily provide your school group with a take-away Breakfast Bag and prepared packed lunches. You'll also have exclusive use of the lounge area, which will be great for group evening activities such as quizzes, film night – or simply just somewhere where the kids can hang out, be silly and play with their phones (the free Wi-Fi will also help with that!).

Our private apartments in Edinburgh will feel like a real summery treat for your school group and the atmosphere in the city will be second to none.

SCHOOL GROUP FACILITIES

We have everything you need for a secure and comfortable stay with us.

Facilities include tour booking services, laundry, towels, 24-hour reception and facilities for disabled guests. Plus, early check-in and – more importantly – late check-out, for the ones who always lose something and never get packed in time. Euro Hostel Edinburgh Halls is roughly a 9 minute walk from Waverley Station.



EURO HOSTEL

**WE HOPE YOU'VE
ENJOYED READING
OUR DEFINITIVE GUIDE
TO SCHOOL GROUP
ACCOMMODATION.**

If you're considering any of our hostel locations of Glasgow
or Edinburgh Halls, please contact us using the following:

Glasgow



+44 (0) 8455 399 956



glasgow@eurohostels.co.uk

Edinburgh Halls



+44 (0) 8454 900 461



edinburgh@eurohostels.co.uk



eurohostels.co.uk