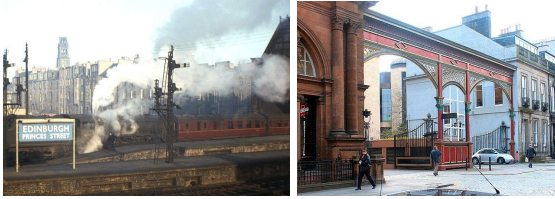


# Edinburgh Baha'i Tour - Abdu'l-Baha's Visit

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## Princes Street Station

[6 Jan 1913 10:00-18:15](#)

Waved out from London by friends, Abdu'l-Baha sets off from Euston Station at 10am, arriving by train in Edinburgh at 6.15pm, where He and his four colleagues are welcomed by Mrs Whyte and friends.

Princes Street station was located where Lothian Road meets Princes Street.



## Georgian House, 7 Charlotte Square

[6-10 Jan 1913](#)

For the duration of his visit, Abdu'l-Baha stays at 7 Charlotte Square with His interpreter, three other companions staying at a hotel.



## Outlook Tower

[7 Jan 1913 11:00](#)

Abdu'l-Baha is driven out to the Outlook Tower...



## Camera Obscura

[7 Jan 1913 11:00](#)

...where he visits the balcony views of Edinburgh and its surroundings; the Camera Obscura with its mirrored projection of the city (below); a floor full of astronomical models; and floors covering history and geography.



## Royal Mile

[7 Jan 1913 afternoon](#)

Abdu'l-Baha is driven by automobile down the Royal Mile...



### **Holyrood Palace**

7 Jan 1913 afternoon

...past the gates of Holyrood Palace (serving as the main residence of Kings and Queens since the 15th Century)...



### **Queen's Drive, Arthur's Seat**

7 Jan 1913 afternoon

....through Queen's Drive, encircling the hill 'Arthur's Seat'...



### **Duddingston Loch**

7 Jan 1913 afternoon

...Duddingston Loch...



### **Salisbury Craggs**

7 Jan 1913 afternoon

...and the Salisbury Craggs.



### **Princes Street**

7 Jan 1913 afternoon

....walks for an hour in the park (Princes or Queens Street Gardens) and visits the shops on Princes Street.





### University Students

7 Jan 1913 17:00

200 Eastern Students of the University meet in the library of 7 Charlotte Square with Abdu'l-Baha, who gives an address on the Oneness of Religion and on the principles of medicine.



### Edinburgh Esperanto Society

7 Jan 1913 19:30

Abdu'l-Baha is guest speaker at a packed public meeting hosted by the Edinburgh Esperanto Society in the new Freemason's Hall, 96 George Street, with 300 people crowding outside unable to gain admission to a hall that seats 1,000. The subject of Abdu'l-Baha's address is the need for an International Language. At its conclusion, He shakes hands with more than 200 people.



### Georgian House, 7 Charlotte Square

8 Jan 1913

Visitors stream in the morning to 7 Charlotte Square following the newspaper articles detailing the Esperanto Society talk in the Scotsman and a long article in the Edinburgh Evening Dispatch devoted to Abdu'l-Baha, the Baha'i principles and its history, ending with some of the Hidden Words.



### Arts College

8 Jan 1913 11:30

Abdu'l-Baha visits the Edinburgh College of Arts, in which over 2,000 students attend.



### North Canongate School

8 Jan 1913 13:00-ish

Abdu'l-Baha visits North Canongate School in a poor district, where the children consider Him to be the King's Commissioner...



(...Interior of the School...)



### St Saviour's Kindergarten

8 Jan 1913 13:00-ish

...and afterward, followed out by the children, He visits the neighbouring Kindergarten. He is given a hearty wave-off by hundreds of children.



### Rainy Hall

8 Jan 1913 16:30

Abdu'l-Baha appears before a large crowd at Rainy Hall, by arrangement of the Outlook Tower Society, and raises the basic principles of the Faith. (Rainy Hall is part of New College, the Divinity Faculty of Edinburgh University at the top of the Royal Mile near the castle.)



### St Giles' Cathedral

8 Jan 1913 20:00

Abdu'l-Baha attends the two hour performance of Handel's Messiah in St Giles' Cathedral, organised for the poor of the city, at which thousands attend.





### Georgian House, 7 Charlotte Square

9 Jan 1913

A stream of visitors arrives in the morning at 7 Charlotte Square to meet Abdu'l-Baha.



### John and Christine Duncan, 29 Bernard's Crescent

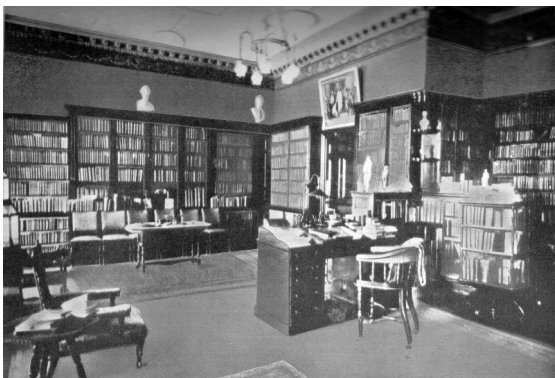
Abdu'l-Baha visits the famous Scottish Celtic revivalist painter John Duncan and his wife, where He saw his paintings (including, left, St Bride 1913)...



### Forth Railway Bridge

9 Jan 1913 11:30

...and then is taken on a long drive to visit the Forth Railway Bridge across the Estuary in Queensferry.



### Equality of Men and Women

9 Jan 1913 16:00

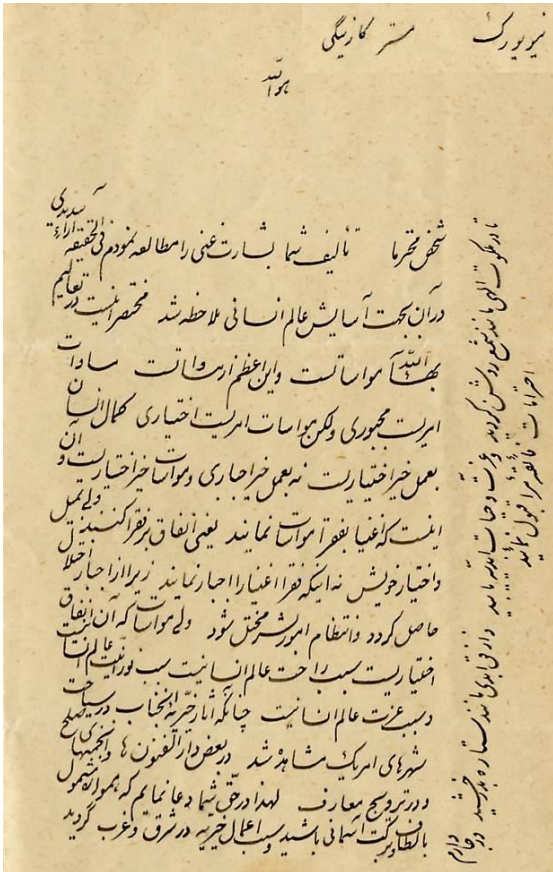
A Large meeting is held in the library of 7 Charlotte Square for a discourse on the equality of women, their rights and responsibilities, attended both by suffragettes and those opposed to them.



### Theosophical Society, 28 Great King Street

9 Jan 1913 19:00-11:30

Abdu'l-Baha attends the Theosophical Society, 28 Great King Street, giving private interviews and then an address on the blind following of religious tradition, individual investigation of truth; the interdependence of the physical world; and the immortality of the soul; there follows a meeting with the audience, after which he remains there for supper.



### Letter to Andrew Carnegie

9 Jan 1913

Abdu'l-Baha pens his letter to Andrew Carnegie, the famous Scots Philanthropist.

This letter is now kept in the 'Andrew Carnegie Birthplace' in Dumfermline (Carnegie's birthplace).

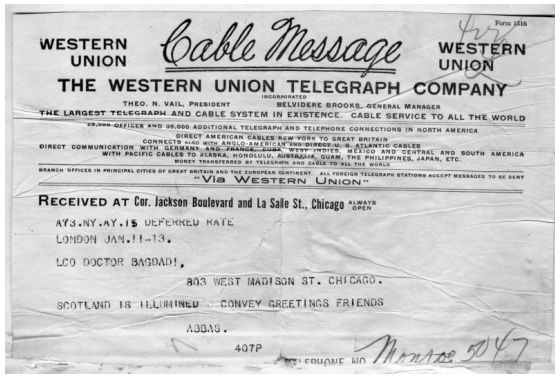


### Departure

10 Jan 1913 morning

Abdu'l-Baha gathers together all the servants and maids of 7 Charlotte Square, thanking them personally; He sets out for the station, with fondness for all whom he has encountered.





## Train Journey to London

10 Jan 1913 10:05-19:00

Abdu'l-Baha departs from Princes Street Station for London at 10.05am. On the way He dictates the cable

**SCOTLAND IS ILLUMINED CONVEY GREETINGS FRIENDS**

**ABBAS.**

He arrives at Euston Station at 7pm.



## Gravestone of Dr and Mrs Whyte

*North West corner of Dean Cemetary*

Alexander Whyte

1836-1921

I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness

In Thy Presence is fullness of joy

And his wife

Jane Elizabeth Whyte

1861-1944

And their son John Barbour Whyte 1885

Margaret Stewart

Sandeman Whyte

Goshen Indiana 18th April 1954



In Memory of

Robert Barbour Whyte

2nd Lieut. The Black Watch

1892-1915

And of their Grandson

Nairne Fincastle Aird Whyte

Airgunner R.A.F. V.F.R. 1923-1943

And of their neice

Elizabeth MacAdam

1871-1948