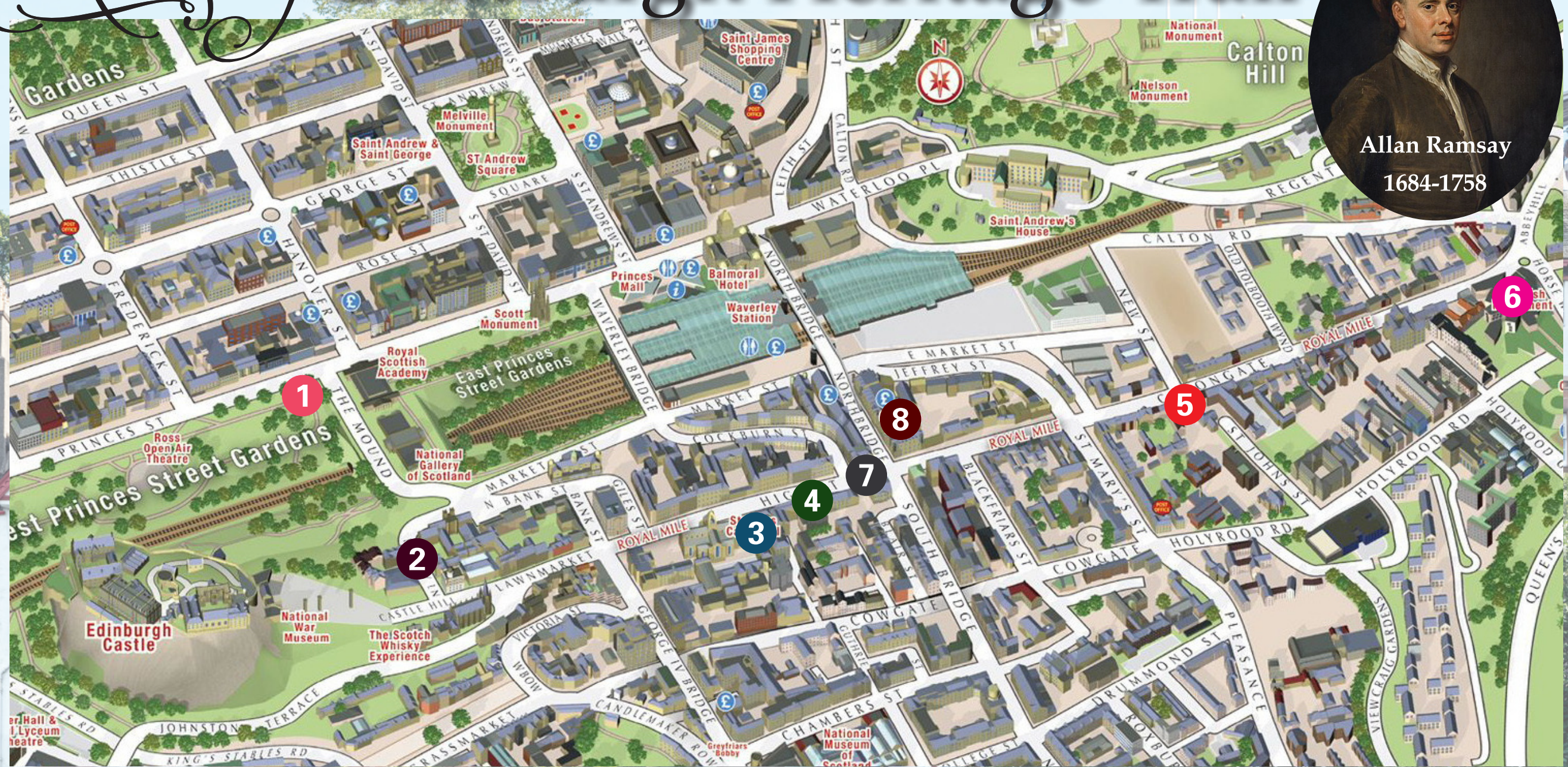
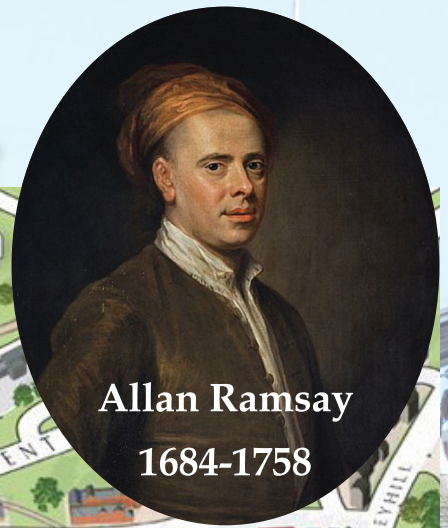


Allan Ramsay Edinburgh Heritage Trail




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Ramsay Statue
This monument is where the trail begins. Start at Ramsay's statue on Princes Street in front of Ramsay Garden. Walk up the Mound at Mound Place, emerging by Ramsay Garden.

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Ramsay Garden
Was built round Ramsay Lodge, Allan Ramsay's home from around 1740. You are opposite Blair's Close, Castlehill, home of Ramsay's father-in-law, Robert Ross.

3




Luckenbooths
1st Subscription Library
Walk down the Royal Mile; once you just pass St Giles Cathedral and reach the eastern entrance into Parliament Square, you are at the site of the first floor flat bought by Ramsay in the Luckenbooths in 1724 from which he launched the first subscription library in the British Isles.

4



Old Stamp Office Close
200m further on your left is Old Stamp Office Close, where Ramsay's friend the Countess of Eglinton lived in town.

5




Old Playhouse Close
Further down on your right at 194/200 Canongate is Old Playhouse Close, where Ramsay's friend the engraver Richard Cooper, built a theatre in his garden in 1746. In 1749, a request by British officers to play Culloden at Canongate theatre was answered by audience demand for You're welcome Charles Stuart. 'The musicians complying, instantly a number of officers attacked the orchestra with drawn swords'

6




Queensberry House
300m further on is Queensberry House on your right, now restored for the Scottish Parliament; John Gay stayed opposite and met Ramsay at Jenny Ha's tavern. Gay read The Gentle Shepherd and Ramsay pointed out Edinburgh figures to him at the Cross.

7



Old Assembly Close
Walk back up Royal Mile to Old Assembly Close, site of a pub, the Cross Keys, owned by Patrick Steill. Patriot riots launched here 1700; Pate Steill's Parliament discussed opposition to Union over cheap claret. Pitcairne and Ramsay were fond of drinking here and the Edinburgh Musical Society began here before moving to larger premises in 1728. Steill subscribed to Ramsay's 1721 and 1728 volumes.

8



Carrubber's Close
Opposite the Radisson Blu Hotel is Carrubber's Close. Towards the bottom of the Close, adjacent to Old St Paul's, Ramsay had fitted out the first permanent theatre in Scotland in 1736, only to have it closed almost immediately by the burgh authorities. Your walk ends here.

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