

## **Mercat Tours launches first tours for children**

Mercat Tours, Edinburgh's five-star walking tour company, has launched its first experience for children: Ghosts, Gore and Grime – a new venture into the youth market for the business.



# Mercat Tours

Ideal for families, mixed age groups and schools visiting the city, the daytime tour will run on Saturdays and Sunday, from 1 April, and on weekdays during the school holidays.

Ghosts, Gore and Grime focuses on what life was like for families during Edinburgh's grimy past, with tales of stinking streets, terrible tortures and ghostly goings-on.

Young visitors will be captivated by stories of bodysnatching, infamous witches, horrible murders and Edinburgh's cry of "Gardyloo", as well as finding out about the harsh conditions kids were expected to work in.

The tour is suitable for children aged 5 and up, with a family ticket (two adults and two children under the age of 15) coming in at £34.

Kat Brogan, Managing Director at Mercat Tours, comments: "We've collected all the horrible stories we know kids love to hear in our latest tour! Ghosts, Gore and Grime brings the grisly history of Edinburgh to the younger visitors, with children aged 5 and up all welcome. It brings the sights and smells of our city to life and gives them the chance to interact by handling real, historic objects and belongings, allowing them to experience what family life would have been like in the Blair Street Underground Vaults."

The new tour will begin on 1 April and will take place every Saturday and Sunday, 10 – 11.15am. The tour will also run weekdays over school holiday periods.

Prices for the tour: Adult £13, Student & Seniors £11, Child £8, Family £34, with rates available upon request for groups.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Mercat Tours is an award-winning walking tour company operating scheduled history and ghost tours of Edinburgh, including, exclusively, the Blair Street Underground Vaults. Mercat Tours is a family business and original 5 star walking tour company in Scotland, operating since 1985. In addition to walking tours the company offer bespoke group tours, coach guides, city tours and costumed interpretation

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