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Birmingham & Warwick for 3 Nights

Our real three-night weekend from Edinburgh with Birmingham's free highlights, Cadbury World and Warwick Castle for £98.25 per person.

3 nights	£98.25 pp	England	3 days
TRIP	BUDGET	DURATION	GUIDE

What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	Per person
Edinburgh ⇄ Birmingham return flight	£50.00
Full-day bus ticket: £4.75 × 3 days	£14.25
Birmingham Moor Street ⇄ Warwick return train	£14.00
Cadbury World + Warwick Castle combination ticket	£20.00
Accommodation at cousin’s home	£0
Food brought from home	£0
Total	£98.25

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Train	Airport rail connection	Birmingham International	Birmingham New Street	About £4-6 single; check train fare	Use the free Air-Rail Link between the terminal and Birmingham International station.
Tram	West Midlands Metro	Grand Central / city-centre stop	Jewellery Quarter	Included in applicable day ticket or about £2-4	Get down at Jewellery Quarter for the historic district.
Train	West Midlands Railway local service	Birmingham New Street	Bournville	About £4-7 return	Walk from Bournville station to Cadbury World; this is clearer than relying on a changing bus route.
Train	Chiltern Railways	Birmingham Moor Street	Warwick	£14 return on our trip	Walk from Warwick station to the castle and town centre.
Bus	NX West Midlands city routes	Nearest central Birmingham stop	Digbeth Coach Station / Digbeth High Street area	Included in £4.75 group day ticket on our trip	Exact route depends on the starting stop; use the group day ticket and live journey planner.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

Three travellers flew from Edinburgh, stayed with family, brought food from home and combined Birmingham’s free attractions with Cadbury World and Warwick Castle.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

This weekend worked because our two biggest potential expenses—accommodation and most food—cost nothing. We stayed at our cousin’s home and carried food, leaving room in the budget for both Cadbury World and Warwick Castle.

Exactly what we spent

Our confirmed total for three travellers was £294.75.

Friday: Edinburgh to Birmingham

We flew from Edinburgh to Birmingham and used the local bus network to reach the city. Instead of checking into a hotel, we stayed with our cousin, keeping all three nights free.

Saturday: Birmingham’s library, canals and neighbourhoods

We started with the city’s distinctive modern library and its rooftop outlook—one of the best free views in central Birmingham.

We walked beside the historic canals and red-brick waterside buildings without adding anything to the budget.

The historic workshops and streets gave us another free area to explore.

We finished with colourful street art and Birmingham’s industrial architecture.

Birmingham Airport → Library of Birmingham → Brindleyplace → Jewellery Quarter → Digbeth → Cadbury World → Warwick Castle → Bullring → Birmingham Airport.

Cadbury World in Bournville

Cadbury World was one half of our £20 combination ticket. The visit added chocolate history and tastings to a day otherwise centred on free city attractions.

Sunday: train to Warwick Castle

We travelled from Birmingham Moor Street to Warwick for £14 return per person. Warwick Castle was the second attraction included in our £20 combination ticket. We explored the medieval walls, towers, grounds and Great Hall, then returned to Birmingham. We did not visit Lord Leycester Hospital.

Monday: Bullring and delayed flight home

Before leaving, we visited Bullring and Grand Central for a final city-centre walk. Our return flight was delayed by about 4.5 hours, but the airline provided food and drink vouchers while we waited.

Why this trip stayed under £100

Free accommodation and food from home made the greatest difference. We also used one combination ticket for two major attractions and filled the Birmingham day with free neighbourhoods and public spaces.

Budget traveller’s quick summary

Trip: Edinburgh → Birmingham → Warwick → Birmingham → Edinburgh

Dates: 18–21 September 2026

Travellers: 3

Cost: £98.25 per person; £294.75 total

Highlights: Library of Birmingham, canals, Jewellery Quarter, Digbeth, Cadbury World, Warwick Castle and Bullring/Grand Central

Biggest savings: staying with family and taking food from home.

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Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.