Walking directions to the Central Area

These directions can be used by travellers from both Waverley train station and the main bus station. From the bus station, follow directions 1-11. From Waverley train station, exit onto Waverley Bridge, turn left and then follow directions 3-11.

Please note: This is not the quickest way to George Square but it is the simplest for those who do not know Edinburgh, and only adds a few minutes onto your journey time.

From Edinburgh Bus Station, St Andrew Square entrance (walking takes approx. 30 minutes):
1. From St Andrew Square, turn left and continue until you reach Princes Street.
2. Turn right onto Princes Street until you reach the traffic lights, then cross the road towards Princes Mall. Keep Princes Mall on your left, and walk down the hill (you are now on Waverley Bridge).

From Waverley Train Station, Waverley Bridge exit (walking takes approx. 20 minutes):
3. Once on Waverley Bridge, continue south until you reach a pedestrian crossing.
4. Cross over the road and go left, then at the roundabout, turn right onto Market Street.
5. Walk up the steep hill (Market Street), crossing over to the left hand side of the street.
6. At the top of Market Street, follow the road round to the left onto North Bank Street.
7. Continue walking and the road will bear right and become Bank Street.
8. At the traffic lights at the top of Bank Street, cross over the Royal Mile junction onto George IV Bridge.
9. Continue to walk straight on and at the first set of traffic lights (at the Bedlam Theatre after the Museum of Scotland) take the left hand fork as the road becomes Bristo Place.
10. Continue walking until you reach a set of traffic lights (at the junction with Teviot Place). Cross the road to the central island and then cross over on to Bristo Square, and look out for student helpers and signage.